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# Colonial vestige shed as PM sets India on Kartavya path

Modi inaugurates revamped Central Vista Avenue, unveils statue of Subhas Chandra Bose DEEPAK UPRETI INEW DELHI

Declaring that "a symbol of slavery has now been consigned to history", Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday inaugurated the revamped 'Rajpath', which has been renamed as 'Kartavya Path' and unveiled a granite statue of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose beneath the grand canopy near India Gate. The entire area was bathed in colourful lights and shades, giving the 1.8 km stretch of the Central Vista Avenue a festive look. After unveiling Netaji's statue, Modi said, "If India had followed the path shown by Subhas Chandra Bose, then the country would have reached a new high, sadly he was forgot-

"Netaji's statue at India Gate will now inspire and guide us. We took many decisions in the last eight years which have imprints of Netaji's

ideals and dreams," said Modi. He said, "Kingsway or Raipath, a symbol of slavery, has now been consigned to history and has been erased forever." The Prime Minister further maintained that "Rajpath was for the British Raj to whom Indians were slaves, now its



View of the newly-christened Kartavya Path, a stretch from Rashtrapati Bhavan to India Gate, after its inauguration in New Delhi on Thursday. (R) The newly-installed statue of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at India Gate.

have changed.

Taking on the Opposition's criticism of the project the Prime Minister said, "People who were after the Central Vista project would be conveniently quiet on the launch of the new Defence offices complex in Delhi, which is also part of the Central Vista ... they knew their falsity would be exposed." The Defence enclave would play a pivotal role in

architecture as well as spirit, national security, he added.

The newly done-up area on both sides of the 'Kartavya Path' was shining with lights gleaming around the roundabouts, India Gate and the canopy hosting the 28-feettall black granite statue of Bose. While the length of the entire area is 1.8 km, the width is 12 metres and the red granite footpath on both sides has a width of 4.2 metres.

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## End of an era: Queen Elizabeth II dead

Charles is King as longest-serving monarch of Britain dies at 96

PTI ■ LONDON

Queen Elizabeth II, the UK's longest-serving monarch, died on Thursday at Balmoral Castle in Scotland after reigning for 70 years. She was 96. Her family had been gathering at her Scottish estate in Aberdeenshire after concerns grew about her health earlier on Thursday. The UK now has a new monarch in Charles, the former Prince of Wales.

"The Queen died peacefully at Balmoral this afternoon. The King and the Queen Consort (Charles and Camilla) will remain at Balmoral this evening and will return to London Friday," Buckingham Palace said in a statement.

The Queen came to the throne in 1952 and witnessed enormous social change. With her death, her eldest son and heir Charles will lead the country in mourning as the new King and Head of State for 14 Commonwealth realms. Charles and the Queen's close family members travelled to Balmoral, near Aberdeen, after doctors placed the Queen under medical supervision.

Her grandson, Prince William, is also there, with his brother, Prince Harry, on his way. The Queen's daughter, Princess Anne, was already by her side at the Scottish castle and her other children - Prince



rules state that "a new sovereign the Church of England, who are succeeds to the throne as soon as his or her predecessor dies" summoned to the palace for the That means Queen Elizabeth II's eldest son, Prince Charles, Parliament is then recalled for lawmakers to take their oaths became king immediately upon her death. However, it may be months or even longer before Charles' formal coronation. In The new monarch will swear an oath before the Privy Council Elizabeth's case, her coronation in St. James's Palace to maintain came on June 2, 1952 over 16 Church of Scotland, according months after her accession on February 6, 1952, when her to the Act of Union of 1707.

father, King George VI, died. The proclamation of the nev • The new sovereign is sovereign is then publicly read out at St. James's Palace, as well proclaimed formally as soon as possible at St. James's Palace in as in Edinburgh, Cardiff and London by the "Accession Belfast the capital cities of the Council". This is made up of four nations that make up the officials from the Privy Council,

joined later. Prince Harry and Meghan, the Duke and Duchess of Sussex who were in The 96-year-old monarch London for a charity event, has been suffering from agealso rushed to Harry's grand-

Citizens join Rahul's

William's wife Kate, the Duchess of Cambridge, has remained in Windsor as their

mother's summer residence.

three children started their first full day at a new school.

related mobility issues and had cut down her travels including appointing new Prime Minister Liz Truss in Scotland earlier this week.

## India, China begin pullout from Ladakh

Tension eases at LAC as two armies begin disengagement in Gogra-Hotsprings

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

 $\mathbf{I}^{ ext{n}}$  a major breakthrough in easing tension at the border in Ladakh, the armies of India and China on Thursday started disengaging from the standoff at Gogra-Hotsprings

Patrolling Point (PP)-15. The two sides were in an eyeball to eyeball stance for the last two years since trouble erupted at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in May 2020.



at Demchok and Depsang.

The latest announcement came days ahead of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) annual summit in Uzbekistan. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping are likely to attend the event. There is no word on the possibility of a bilateral meeting between the two leaders on the sidelines of the summit scheduled for September 15-16.

The latest disengagement or withdrawal of troops from both sides from the friction points is the fourth one. The first withdrawal took place at the Pangong Tso (lake) in February 2021. Incidentally, the face-off at the lake was the first one in 2020, triggering tension all along the LAC in Ladakh.

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## Nihangs hack man to death just a km from Golden Temple

They killed him for chewing tobacco in area close to shrine

PNS CHANDIGARH/AMRITSAR

n a blood-curdling incident I two Nihangs — followers of an order of Sikh warriors, characterised by blue robes and antiquated arms — stabbed to death a young man barely a kilometre away from the Sikhs' temporal shrine, the Golden Temple in Amritsar, late on Wednesday night, allegedly for

chewing tobacco.

The victim was identified as 35-year-old Harmanjit Singh of Chatiwind area. Police said that Harmanjit was going towards the Golden Temple from his home and had stopped in front of a hotel on

the way.
"He was in an inebriated condition and was about to consume tobacco when two



Nihang Sikhs stopped him, which led to an argument," added the police officer.

The shocking incident was caught on a CCTV camera. The two-minute clip shows two Nihang Sikhs entering into an argument with a man outside a hotel less than a kilometre away from the Golden

Temple. Soon, the argument turned violent and one of the Nihang Sikhs pointed a sword at the man. After a brief scuffle, the Nihang Sikhs overpowered the man and stabbed

Shockingly, around half a dozen onlookers kept watching the entire episode at Kahia Wala Bazar on Wednesday night and did not come forward to prevent it. After the assault, Harmanjit kept lying on the street throughout the night and died because of excessive bleeding, said police.

"A youth has been arrested after the incident. He has been identified as Ramandeep Singh, who works as a waiter in one of the nearby hotels. After the quarrel, Ramandeep also sided with the Nihang Sikhs and attacked Harmanjit. The Nihangs have also been identified and soon they will also be nabbed," said Amritsar Police Commissioner Arunpal Singh.

# Bharat Jodo Yatra

PNS NEW DELHI/ KANNIYAKUMARI

The second day of the ambitious Bharat Jodo Yatra led by former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi saw participation from people of different walks of life in the stretch between Agasteeswaram town to Nagercoil of Kanniyakumari district in Tamil Nadu on

Thursday Besides reaching out to party's women activists in the southern State, Rahul also distributed prizes to the winners of the Jawahar Bal Manch painting competition followed by a discussion with Dalit activists and representatives of

civil society in Kottaram. Those participating in the yatra took rest at the SMSM Higher Secondary School, Suchindrum, which was also visited by Mahatma Gandhi and C Rajagopalachari in 1937. Mahatma Gandhi had signed Continued on Page 2 the school visitors' book in

both Hindi and Tamil.

In between Rahul also met the family of S Anitha, who had allegedly died by suicide five years ago after failing to crack National Entrance-cum-Eligibility Test (NEET). Anitha's brother Manirathinam said his family was "personally affected" due to the NEET.

Anitha's suicide in 2017 parked off a series of similar deaths by medical aspirants in the State, either over apprehensions pertaining to NEET or over being unable to crack

"Rahul has embarked on the padyatra to protect India and the Constitution. This march is for all the affected persons. We were affected per-sonally due to NEET and want-ed exemption," the family members told the media who accompanied Rahul and his party colleague and local Karur Lok Sabha MP Jothimani.

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#### However, stand-offs still persist **CAPSULE**

STAFF MENTAL HEALTH **COSTS FIRMS \$14 BN** 

New Delhi: Poor mental health of employees costs Indian employers around \$14 billion annually, according to Deloitte's Mental Health Survey. P4

### NTA TIE-BREAKER POLICY: RAJ GIRL TOPS NEET

New Delhi: Four candidates did not get top rank after scoring highest 715 out of 720 marks in medical entrance exam NEET The National Testing Agency used a new tie-breaker policy to award the first rank to Tanishka from Rajasthan

#### MAMATA GIVES CALL FOR **ALL-PARTY UNITY**

Kolkata: After Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, his West Bengal counterpart Mamata Banerjee has given a call for Opposition unity to unseat the BJP at the Centre in 2024. P2

### India, Japan for rules-based global order, to hold joint fighter jet drill

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ **NEW DELHI** 

Tndia and Japan on Thursday reaffirmed their resolve to uphold rules-based global order and stressed the need for all countries to peacefully resolve disputes without resorting to threat or use of force or any attempt to unilaterally change the status quo. The two countries also agreed to hold the first ever joint fighter jets exercise.

These issues figured prominently during the second 2+2' plus dialogue in Tokyo between the Defence and External Affairs Ministers of the two countries in the backdrop of China flexing its muscle in the Indo-Pacific, Taiwan



India's Foreign Minister S Jaishankar, from left, Japan's Foreign Minister Yoshimasa Hayashi, India's Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Japan's Defence Minister Yasukazu Hamada pose for a photo at the likura Guesthouse in Tokyo on

and South China Sea. The reaffirmation by India and Japan to adhere to laws also came as stand-offs persist at

some friction points at the border between the armies of India and China in Ladakh. Continued on Page 2

## blasts convict Memon's grave

TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

More than seven years after the 1993 Mumbai serial blasts convict Yakub Abdul Razzak Memon was hanged to death, a fierce political controversy broke out on Thursday over the "beautification" of his grave at the Bada Kabristan at Marine Lines in south Mumbai.

Hours after the Mumbai police disconnected the power supply to the lighting arrangements around Memon's spruced up grave amid speculation that it was being converted into a "mazar" (mausoleum), the ruling BJP and Opposition Congress and Shiv Sena traded charges over the beautification of the questionable grave.



Row over decking up of Mumbai

During the Covid-19 period, Memon's burial site got a face-lift, with the place converted into a marble grave with lighting arrangements around it. Memon — who was the country. the lone death row convict in the 1993 serial blasts that had left 257 persons dead and 713

others injured —was hanged to

death at the Nagpur Central Prison on July 30, 2015, thus bringing relief to the families of the victims of the first-ever major act of terror witnessed by

Memon was executed two hours after a three-member bench of the Supreme Court, headed by Justice Dipak Misra,

dismissed his plea for a stay on the death warrant served on him by a TADA court in

After a post-mortem, Memon's body was later hand-ed over to his brother Suleiman and cousin Usman, who took the body by an Indigo flight from Nagpur to Mumbai. Memon's body was later buried at the Bada Kabrastan at Marine Lines in south Mumbai at around 5.30 pm. Incidentally Bada

Qabrastan where Memon has been buried, is also the final resting place of Bollywood leg-ends Suraiya, Mehboob Khan, Nargis Dutt, Ismail Merchant, Shyama and ex-smuggler-turned-politician Haji Mastan. Continued on Page 2

## Mamata roots for unity of entire Opp to beat BJP in 2024 polls

After Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, his West Bengal counterpart Mamata Banerjee has given a call for Opposition unity to unseat the BJP at the Centre in the 2024

Lok Sabha elections.
Significantly, Mamata who has so far been batting for a non-Congress front, this time called for bringing together her counterparts like Nitish Kumar, Hemant Soren, as well as Samajwadi Party supremo Akhilesh Yadav and

then added "all other parties." Banerjee was addressing

She also said that the BJP would face a rout because of its arrogance and the people's

Of late, Mamata was being viewed with suspicion in the Opposition ranks after she praised the RSS and avoided meeting any Opposition leader during her visit to Delhi last month.

"I, Nitish Kumar, Hemant arrogance of 300 seats will be Soren and many others ... like Akhilesh Yadav will come together in 2024. All Opposition parties will join hands to defeat the BJP. All of us will be on one side and the BJP on the other. The BJP's



its nemesis. There will be 'Khela Hobe' in 2024."

Khela Hobe (a game is ahead) was the slogan she successfully used against the BJP to defeat it comprehensively in last year's Assembly

elections

"The BJP often brags about getting 300 seats ... but that arrogance will turn into being its nemesis ... all the opposition leaders will join hands to defeat this government," Banerjee said.

## Rahul leads...

Rahul is accompanied by 118 Bharat Yatris (full time participants) and thousands of Congress cadres.

including KC Venugopal, P Chidambaram, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and others, were also part of the second day of the Padvatra'.

After reaching Kerala on September 11, the yatra will traverse through the State for the next 18 days, reaching Karnataka on September 30. It will be in the poll bound Karnataka for 21 days before

moving north.

Party leaders said Rahul has declined to put himself for lodging and food in arrangements in the hotel enroute and has rather chosen to the platter.

accommodate himself in portable air-conditioned ship containers for his entire jour-

cipants) and thousands ongress cadres.
Senior party leaders, AC are also installed in some of the containers.

During the journey, the temperature and environment will differ in many areas.

The arrangements have been made keeping in view the intense heat and humidity with the change of places," confided a party leader.

About 60 such containers prepared and they would be placed every day at different

scheduled locations for the those tagged as full-time yatris which includes Rahul and a community dining for nights have been arranged and the local dishes will be on

#### **NCR-PULSE**

#### SISODIA CONDUCTS SURPRISE INSPECTION OF SCHOOL

New Delhi: Delhi Deputy Chief Minister, Manish Sisodia on Thursday conducted a surprise inspection at Sarvodaya Kanya Vidyalaya in Tikri Khurd. He reviewed the progress of educational activities and implementation of mindset curriculum-Happiness Curriculum, Entrepreneurship Mindset Curriculum and Deshbhakti Curriculum. He also interacted with the students and teachers to learn about their

#### DCW SUMMONS POLICE OVER CHILDREN SELLING DRUGS

New Delhi: The Delhi Commission for Women (DCW) on Thursday issued summons to the city police over a video purportedly showing children selling illegal liquor and ganja. In a statement, the panel stated that illegal liquor and drugs are available freely in Delhi. The purported video depicts how even children, who should be attending school and getting proper education, are being involved in the sale of illicit liquor and

#### AAP MIN RAI CHAIRS MEETING WITH HIGHER OFFICIALS

New Delhi: Delhi Development Minister, Gopal Rai on Thursday chaired a joint meeting with the higher officials of development department, revenue department and Indian Agricultural Research Institute (PUSA) regarding free bio-decomposer spraying. After the meeting, Rai said that free bio-decomposer will be sprayed by the government in

#### all the Basmati and non-Basmati paddy fields inside Delhi.

JNU VC REAFFIRMS VARSITY'S COMMITMENT TO MODI'S VISION New Delhi: The Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) Vice-Chancellor Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit on Thursday reaffirmed the varsity's commitment to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of setting all Indians on the path to development and nationalism. Speaking at an event at the varsity, Pandit said that JNU is first in academics, first in research and first in nationalism and in paying tributes to freedom fighters, unsung heroes of this great nation.

#### ONLINE REG FOR CLASS 11 NON PLAN ADMISSIONS BEGINS

New Delhi: The online registration for class 11 non-plan admissions in Delhi government schools began on Thursday. The senior official at Directorate of Education said that non-plan admissions are for those students who have been out of school, dropped out for any reason, students whose parents have been transferred from different states to Delhi and if a student comes from unrecognised school.

#### POLICE BAN DRONES ON EVE OF WORLD DAIRY SUMMIT

Noida: In view of the World Dairy Summit-2022, which is scheduled to begin in Greater Noida from September 12, the police in Gautam Buddh Nagar in Uttar Pradesh passed an order on Thursday to ban operation of drones by private individuals or organisations till September 15 across city. The ban has been ordered invoking powers under CrPC section 144 and citing security reasons.

#### FOLLOWING NON COMPLIANCE, RERA SUMMONS RDL

Gurugram: Following the non-compliance of the Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA) order, the authority has ordered the directors of the Raheja developers limited (RDL) to appear in person before the court. During the next hearing, RDL will have to explain to the bench what actions the promoter so far has initiated to address the pending grievances of the residents living at Raheja Atharva residential group housing society, Sector 109, Gurugram. Raheja Atharva is a newly built society where 400-plus families are currently residing. The building's construction quality has come to question in a very short span of time that has appeared as a serious concern for the

### MP Delkar suicide case: HC quashes FIR against UT admin, 8 others

T N RAGHUNATHA

 $A^{ ext{fter finding merit in the}}$  submissions made by the petitioners, the Bombay High Court Thursday quashed the FIR registered against Dadra and Nagar Haveli (DNH) Union Territory Administrator Praful Khoda Patel and eight others over the death of seven-time Dadra Nagar Haveli MP Mohan S

Quashing the FIR registered against Patel and eight others, a HCdivision bench of Justices Shrikant D Kulkarni and Prasanna B Varale noted: "Considering all these aspects,

Delkar on February 22 last

we find merit in the submissions of learned Counsel appearing for the Petitioners and in our opinion, these are the fit cases so as to exercise the powers of this Court under Section 482 of CrPC to prevent an abuse of process of law". The HC bench quashed the FIR registered by the Marine Drive Police at the behest of Abhinav Delkar, son of the decease MP Mohan Delkar, for the offences punishable under Sections 306, 506, 389, 120-B of Indian Penal Code, 1860 read with Sections 3 (1)(N), 3(1)(P), 3(2)(ii), 3(2)(Va) of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention

of Atrocities) Act, 1989.

#### **Kejriwal leads** 'Tiranga Yatra' in **Haryana's Adampur**

PTI CHANDIGARH

 $D_{\text{AAP national convener}}^{\text{elhi Chief Minister and}}$ Arvind Kejriwal led a 'Tiranga Yatra' in Haryana's Adampur on Thursday and addressed a rally. Keiriwal arrived in Harvana on Wednesday for a two-day visit. Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann is accompanying him.

The Tiranga Yatra' will start from Kranti Chowk in Adampur, Hisar, the Aam

Aadmi Party (AAP) said. Kejriwal later addressed a rally at the Adampur Mandi, the party added. The Delhi chief minister's visit to Hisar assumed significance in the wake of the by-poll to the Adampur Assembly seat which was necessitated following the resignation of Kuldeep Bishnoi from the Haryana assembly as an MLA.

#### **Woman fights** off mobile snatcher

STAFF REPORTER ■ **NEW DELHI** 

Awoman fought off a snatcher who attempted to steal her mobile phone while going to visit her friend in the Capital's Badarpur area, said the police Thursday. The incident of attempted snatching came to light after a purported video of the episode surfaced on social media.

In a CCTV footage of the incident from September 4, the man can be seen trying to snatch the woman's mobile phone. She caught hold of the person by his T-shirt and the phone fell to the ground. The miscreant then fled the scene The police said they received a call at the Badarpur police station around 11.30 pm that day regarding the incident at Tajpur

### India, China begin...

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The second disengagement became effective at PP-17 in the Gogra-Hot Springs area in August last year besides withdrawal of troops from the Galwan Valley. It saw a bloody brawl between the two armies in June 2020 leading to the death of 20 Indian Army personnel including the Commanding Officer. China also lost more than 40 soldiers.

Announcing the latest withdrawal of troops, India and China in a joint statement said, "On September 8, 2022, according to the consensus reached in the 16th round of Corps India-China Commander-Level Meeting, the Indian and Chinese troops in the area of Gogra-Hotsprings (PP-15) have begun to disengage in a coordinated and planned way,

which is conducive to the peace and tranquility in the border areas."

The Corps Commanderlevel meeting had taken place on July 17 at the Chushul-Moldo border meeting point at the LAC on the Indian side.

A day after the meeting, a joint statement had said, Building on the progress made at the last meeting on March 11, 2022, the two sides continued discussions for the resolution of the relevant issues along the LAC in the Western Sector in a constructive and forward looking manner." The two sides reaffirmed that the resolution of remaining issues would help in restoration of peace and tranquility along the LAC in the Western Sector and enable progress in bilateral relations, the statement had said.

## India, Japan for rules-based...

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Situation in the Indo-Pacific and Ukraine figured prominently in the dialogue.

The '2+2' dialogue took place more than five months after Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida visited India for the annual India-Japan summit. This year also marks 70 years of diplomatic relations between India and Japan.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar represented India while Yasukazu Hamada and Hayashi Yoshimasa respectively from Japan took part in the dia-

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international laws, the two

Rajnath said after the meeting there is consensus on both sides that a strong India-Japan relationship is very important for a free, open, rule-based and inclusive Indo-Pacific based upon sovereignty and territorial integrity of nations.

India's Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI) shares many commonalities with Japan's Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP). India has also

tion with regional partners in consonance with our inclusive vision of Security and Growth for All in the Region (SAGAR), he said. Jaishankar said the dia-

logue takes place in the back-

drop of a complicated global environment. "We are two nations committed to promoting a rules-based order, ensuring respect for international law and norms, and safeguarding the global commons. To our endeavors in that regard are now added the necessity of creating resilient and reliable supply chains in the aftermath of the Covid

## **Nihangs** hack man to death.

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The two Nihang Sikhs,

involved in the incident, have been identified as Charanjit Singh and Tarundeep Singh.
The latest attack comes

just about two days after clashes were reported between the followers of the Dera Beas and Nihangs. Days before that, some of the Nihangs had also disrupted a prayer meeting organised by

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	2022_PWPIU _219622_1	CONSTRUCTION WORKS OF BLOCK PUBLIC HEALTH UNIT AT BAROD, AGAR MALWA, MADHYA PRADESH.	AGAR MALWA	41.55	50000	5000	06 months i/c Rainy season
2	2022_PWPIU _219681_1	CONSTRUCTION OF SENIOR BOYS HOSTEL BUILDING AT SALAIYA DISTT BETUL MP	BETUL	337.74	337740	15000	12 months i/c Rainy season
3	2022_PWPIU _216821_2	Zonal Tender for small construction work, balance work and P.G. repairing work under District Betul	BETUL	114.55	114550	12500	12 months i/c Rainy season
4	2022_PWPIU _219828_1	Construction of New Barrack 02 (01 Doubel Story) at Central Jail Block A Narmadapuram (M.P.) (IInd Call)	NARMADAPURAM	82.49	82490	10000	08 months i/c Rainy season
5	2022_PWPIU _219614_1	CONSTRUCTION OF 06 TRADE ITI CAMPUS ITI COLLEGE 60 SEATED BOYS HOSTEL 60 SEATED GIRLS HOSTAL F TYPE 1 NOS H TYPE TWIN CONFIGURATION 2 NOS I TYPE MULTI STOREY TWIN CONFIGURATION 4 NOS WITH SIDE DEVLOPMENT AT GAIRTGANJ DIST	RAISEN	1070.69	1000000	30000	15 Month i/c Rainy season
6	2022_PWPIU _212473_2	CONSTRUCTION OF ONE COURT ROOM AT TEHSIL GOUHARGANJ DIST. RAISEN (Second Call)	RAISEN	65.25	65250	10000	08 Month i/c Rainy season
7	2022_PWPIU _219820_1	CONSTRUCTION OF " 2F & 1G -TYPE " QUARTER FOR REVENUEDEPARTMENT AT BUDHNI DIST. SEHORE (M.P.)	SEHORE	143.61	143610	12500	12 months i/c Rainy season
8	2022_PWPIU _219826_1	CONSTRUCTION OF * 2F & 2G -TYPE * QUARTER FOR REVENUE DEPARTMENT AT NASRULLAGANJ DIST. SEHORE ( M.P.)	SEHORE	184.48	184480	12500	12 months i/c Rainy season
9	2022_PWPIU _219834_1	Zonal Tender for small construction work, balance work and P.G. repairing work under District Sehore (M.P.)	SEHORE	110.00	110000	12500	12 months i/c Rainy season
10	2022_PWPIU _220515_1	Construction of 06 Trade ITI Campus ITI College, 60 Seater Girls And Boys Hostel, F Type,1 Nos, H Type Twin Configuration 2 Nos, I Type Multi Storey Twin Multi Storey Twin Configuration 4 Nos With SideDevelopment At Gyraspur Distt. Vidisha	VIDISHA	1055.81	1000000	30000	15 Month i/c Rainy season
11	2022_PWPIU _220542_1	Construction of 06 Trade ITI Campus (ITI College, 60 Seater Girls And Boys Hostel, F Type, 1Nos, H Type Twin Configuration 2 Nos, I Type Multi Storey, Twin Multi Storey, Twin Configuration 4 Nos With Side Development At Nateran, Distt. Vidisha)	VIDISHA	1056.83	1000000	30000	15 Month i/c Rainy season
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### Row over decking up of Mumbai...

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Kicking off a controversy over the issue, BJP leader Ram Kadam tweeted a photograph of Memon's grave and demanded to know as to why former Chief Minister and Shiv Sena president Uddhav Thackeray kept quiet when Memon's grave was being converted into a

'Udhav Thackeray was the Chief Minister then and during his period the grave was turned into a shrine... This is their patriotism and love for Mumbai? Uddhav Thackeray, Sharad Pawar and Rahul Gandhi should apologise to the people of Mumbai," Kadam said.

Hitting back at Kadam, Shiv Sena leader Aaditya Thackeray demanded to know as to which party was in power in the State and at the Centre when Memon's body was buried in

Mumbai, why was the body handed over to his family and why was it thrown into the sea as the US military agencies did in the case of

Osama Bin Laden. "Like the military agencies buried Osama Bin Laden's body in the sea, why terrorist Yakub Memon's body was not buried in the sea. Why was it allowed to be buried in a graveyard in Mumbai? One has to go deep into the whole thing to find out what is the truth,"

Aaditya said. "There has been a limit as to how low the

BJP can stoop to play politics. There is no truth in the allegation made by the BJP against the former Chief Minister (Uddhav Thackeray). It is improper on the part of the BJP to give a religious twist to the development," the Sena leader said.

### **Colonial vestige shed as PM...**

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As against the Opposition's criticism of the project, the Government asserted that the change in name "symbolises a shift from erstwhile Rajpath being an icon of power to Kartavya Path being an example of public ownership and empowerment" and to "remove any traces of a colonial mindset.

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of granite weighing 280 metric tonnes and it was transported to Delhi from Telangana. The statue was carved-out of it over a two-month period.

After the inauguration of the extensively revamped 'Kartavya Path', the Prime Minister interacted and spoke with 'Sharmjeevis' (workers) involved in the construction of the Central Vista avenue who would be invited to the Republic Day parade on January 26.

Lauding the workers, Modi said, "Those engaged in constructing the new Parliament building will have special gallery dedicated to them."

Modi also walked along the gallery in the India Gate premises showcasing the evolution of the Central Vista Avenue over the past nine been carved out from a block decades.

The statue is part of the Centre's Rs 13,450-crore Central Vista project, which will have a new Parliament building, new office and residences for the Prime Minister and Vice-President and new Ministry buildings. The North and South Blocks, the secretariat buildings flanking Rashtrapati Bhavan, will be converted into museums.

According to an official, 74 historic light poles and all chain links have been restored, upgraded and reinstalled on the site and more than 900 new light poles have been added wherever necessary to ensure that the space is always safe for visitors.

Several senior BJP leaders and Union Ministers visited the flower-decked central vista and praised the "new spirit" of India.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi during inauguration of newly-christened Kartavya Path, a stretch from Rashtrapati Bhavan to India Gate, as part of revamped Central Vista Avenue. Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, G Kishan Reddy and others are also



Delhiites at India Gate on Thursday during the inauguration of the newly-christened Kartavya Path, a stretch from Rashtrapati Ranjan Dimri I Pioneer



A 28-ft statue of Netaii Subhas Chandra Bose after its inauguration as part of the

# KARTAVYA PATH TO BE PEDESTRIAN-FRIENDLY

STAFF REPORTER

With new red granite walkways spreading 15.5 km that have been created, replac-ing bajri sand that lined the ground earlier, the Kartavya Path, stretching from Rashtrapati Bhavan to India Gate, will be more pedestrianfriendly.

According to the Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry, the move is aimed at making the road more pedestrian-friendly and easier for traffic to negotiate through.

Four new pedestrian underpasses have been built at busy junctions to segregate vehicular traffic from pedestrian movement, making the street safe to cross.

According to an official, 74 historic light poles and all chain links have been restored, upgraded and reinstalled on the site and more than 900 new light poles have been added where necessary to ensure that the space is always safe for vis-

These are located along official said.

rows of trees, the newly-created parking bays and the India Gate precinct.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday evening inaugurated the newly-christened Kartavya Path — the stretch of road from Rashtrapati Bhavan to India Gate, earlier known as Rajpath.

The revamped stretch is part of the Modi Government's ambitious Central Vista redevelopment project, which also envisages a new triangular Parliament building, a common central secretariat, a new Prime Minister's residence and office, and a new Vice-President's enclave.

This is the first project that has been completed under the Central Vista redevelopment plan. "Concrete bollards have been replaced with more than 1,000 white sandstone bollards to maintain the precinct's historical character.

"Besides, the pedestrian sidewalks along the Rajpath have been paved with robust and durable materials," the

Apart from 400 benches and 600 new signages, the Central Public Works Department (CPWD), an executing agency of the project, has placed 150 dust bins on the entire stretch.

canal area have been refurbished and reinforced. 'The canals have been fit-

"Nineteen acres of total

ted with necessary infrastructure like aerators "The canal walls have been reinforced with robust and durable materials to prevent

eepage," another official said. There are 16 bridges on the entire stretch. Boating will be allowed in two canals — one near the Krishi Bhawan and another around the Vanijya Bhawan. Stepped plazas have also been created at India Gate precinct

Officials said eight amenity blocks with toilets, vending kiosks and drinking water fountains have been created at eight distinct locations along the Rajpath, adding that a total of 64 toilets for women, 32 for men and 10 accessible toilets have been added.

## DMRC bus service for Central Vista Avenue visitors

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Metro has decided to run its e-bus services for a week from Friday to people who wish to visit revamped Central Vista in the national Capital. The Delhi Metro on Thursday issued a statement saying it will provide bus service for those visiting India Gate or Central Vista from September 9 after the inaugu-

Visitors can board the buses from Bhairon Road, Rajghat, Connaught Place (near Palika Bazaar parking) and JLN Stadium, it said.

The electric buses deployed by Delhi Metro will pick up the visitors from Bhairon Road and will drop off at Gate No.1

of the National Stadium facing C-Hexagon from where the India Gate or Central Vista can be accessed by walk, the DMRC said. This facility will be available initially for a week, it said. Twelve buses will be operated on the route. These buses will be available for visitors from 5 PM and the last pick up will be at 9 PM, the statement said.

The Central Public Works Department (CPWD), the executing agency for the project envisioned in September 2019, has set up five vending zones where 40 vendors each will be allowed and two blocks near the India Gate with eight shops each. Some states have shown their interest to set up their

## Traffic gridlock in and around India Gate

STAFF REPORTER

 $F^{\text{ollowing the closure of roads}}_{\text{in the evening hours of}}$ Thursday when Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the newly-christened Kartavya Path, traffic congestions were witnessed in and around the areas of India Gate and other parts of Central Delhi. Due to the roads closure, many areas in parts of Lutyens Delhi, including ITO, IP Flyover, and other roads, witnessed traffic jams.

The Delhi Police had asked the commuters to plan their journey in advance and take alternate routes to avoid road closures and congestion due to traffic restrictions.

According to police, over 450 traffic personnel were deployed to maintain traffic and ensure all roads near the India Gate were empty. The Delhi Police also coordinated with Delhi Fire Services and called in cranes to monitor the restricted area and to remove any unwanted vehicles. The Delhi Traffic Control Room buzzed with calls complaining of snarls in several areas, beginning at 6 pm, especially around India Gate. Traffic movement could only be eased after 9 pm

"Most of the calls we received of heavy congestion were from Tilak Marg, C-hexagon, Purana Quila Road, Shershah Road, Dr Zakir Hussain Marg, Pandara Road, and Shahjahan Road. But as per the congestions reported, necessary diversions were also made," a traffic officer said.

around when the ceremony

For these areas, around 17 diversion routes were suggested and vehicular movement was diverted there, he said. The traffic was diverted through W point, Mathura Road, Ashoka Road, Q-point, Prithviraj Road, Akbar Road and Subramania Bharati Marg, the officer added. The inauguration time

being around the peak evening hours, traffic near Central Secretariat, Patel Chowk and Pragati Maidan was especially affected. Special arrangements were made to ensure that no inconvenience was caused to commuters and pedestrians, police said, adding traffic was diverted from specific roads from 6 pm to 9 pm.

Other areas which witnessed traffic jams in the national capital were Moti Bagh crossing, Bhikaji Cama road, south foot of Lodhi flyover, Moolchand, and Vikas Marg, said the traffic police officials.

## 65 held for duping Delhiites on BJP MLAs seek CBI probe into liquor scam pretext of updating power bills

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEW DELHI

he Delhi Police has arrest-L ed 65 people for allegedly duping over 200 people on the pretext of updating their BSES electricity bills. The arrests were made in raids conducted in 22 cities across the country in the last 10 days.

Police said more than 200 complaints reported at NCRP and more than 500 instances of cheating were noticed.

The accused duped these people by installing a remote access software in their victims' mobile phones and accessing their OTPs, or one time pass words, police said. Recently, it had come to light that some fraudsters were sending random messages to the people saying their electricity bill had not been updated, and threatened to cut off their connection if they were not corrected.

The victims, assuming the message to be genuine, called the number mentioned in the message. When they called the number, they were connected with the alleged fraudsters, who, posing as electricity officers, managed to get their bank account details or install a remote access software in their phones. Once the details were





shared, the accused transferred money from their victims' accounts

According to K P S Malhotra, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), IFSO unit, during investigation, police found that more than 200 complaints were lodged detailing the same modus operandi. "In its investigation, police found that the fraud network was spread in several states across the coun-

try, police official privy with the investigation said. Police formed different teams and conducted raids in more than 22 cities, including Jaipur, Indore, Ludhiana, Jamtara, Karmatand, Kolkata, Gandhinagar, Surat, arresting the accused, said the DCP. "SIM card vendors, account holders and providers, E-Mitra and their associates, and some



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tele callers were working as part of gang," said the DCP.

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m ollowing}$  up on the two "sting videos" targeting the AAP leadership, Delhi BJP MLAs have written to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) seeking probe into the alleged liquor policy scam, for necessary action over alleged attempts by the ruling AAP to

divert the issue. Addressing a joint Press conference, BJP leaders Sudhanshu Trivedi, Ramvir Singh Bidhuri, Vijendra Gupta and Om Prakash Sharma reminded Arvind Kejriwal of his appeal to people to record video clips of corruption when he first came to power.

Trivedi said Kejriwal, who earlier assured people of action if he was provided with sting videos as proof of corruption, should take action or tender a public apology.

"A recent sting video clearly exposes the AAP as it claims to be 'kattar imandar'. Despite this, it has been trying to divert the issue. Delhi BJP MLAs, in view of this diversionary tactics and inaction by the Kejriwal Government, suspect that it will not let a proper investigation happen into the irregularities in the excise policy," he said. Trivedi also took a swipe at the AAP Government for a



Special Assembly Session to face a trust vote, saying the danger was never about AAP's confidence in the Assembly but the party's credibility. "If a party with 90 per cent members in the House go for a Confidence Motion without even being asked, this reflects that the Kejriwal Government has lost the confidence of the people. Those who used to ask people. Those who used to ask people for sting operations are now refusing from their own stand," Trivedi said.

Leader of Opposition in Delhi Assembly Ramvir Singh Bidhuri said Kejriwal and his deputy Manish Sisodia did not reply to BJP MLA's questions raised in the Assembly.

"How a party's character changes with time... Today Kejriwal is shamelessly stalling the matter after such substantial proof. He must either take action on it or apologise for his statement given seven years back," he said. Bidhuri also said the AAP Government has

given 1,000 liquor licenses to banquet hall owners, bars at hotels and restaurants against its policy to open only 849 liquor vendor shops.

'They have also given permission to run dance bars in the backdrop of operating liquor vendor shops," he claimed

Bidhuri also said the AAP Government has provided over 1,000 liquor licenses to banquet hall owners, bars at hotels and restaurants as against its policy to open only 849 liquor vendor shops. "They have also given permission to run dance bars in the backdrop of operating liquor vendor shops," he said. The BJP leader further questioned why the new poliwas taken back when it was claimed to be "world-class". He said the sting operation has made it very clear that half of the increased commission of contractors that is six percent has gone into the pockets of

AAP alleges nutrition scheme scam in Madhya Pradesh



STAFF REPORTER ■ **NEW DELHI** 

The AAP on Thursday filed a complaint with the CBI alleging a big scam worth crores has taken place in BJPruled Madhya Pradesh in the implementation of a supplementary nutrition scheme

Addressing a Press conference, AAP spokesperson Saurabh Bharadwaj cited findings of the accountant general's audit report and hinted at Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan's involvement in it as the State Women and Child Welfare Department, which implemented the scheme,

comes under him. Bharadwai said the State Government's scheme having an outlay of Rs 2,500 crore pertained to providing "fortified food" to children in the age group of six months to three years, lactating mothers and girls who have dropped out of schools.

Terming the accountant general's audit findings "shocking", Bharadwaj said the registration numbers of the vehicles mentioned as trucks, which were used in the transportation of take-home ration under the supplementary nutrition scheme across 50 districts of Madhya Pradesh, turned out to be of "bikes, cars and water

## 11 IPS, 8 DANIPS officers transferred

STAFF REPORTER

**NEW DELHI** 

In a major reshuffle, 11 Indian Police Service (IPS) and eight DANIPS officers were transferred and given new postings in the national Capital.

According to the order issued on September 9, the 2007 batch IPS, Romil Baniya has been transferred as Additional Commissioner of Police, Technology and Project implementation division. "The 2010 batch IPS, Benita Mary Jaiker has been transferred as Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Vigilance while

IPS 2010 batch, Chandan IPS 2013 batch, Prashant Priya Chowdhary has been appointed as DCP, South district," stated the order.

'The IPS 2010 batch, Brijendra Kumar Yadav has been given the new posting as DCP, headquarter-III. The DANIPS 2008 batch, Sukant Shailja Ballabh has been appointed as DCP, Security. The IPS 2012 batch, Devesh Kumar Mehal has been given new posting as DCP, Ŏuter north district," the order further read. "The IPS 2013 batch, Ankit Kumar Singh, has been appointed as Assitional DCP,

outer north district while the

Gautam has been given the charge of DCP, CyPAD and NCFL. Ravi Kumar Singh, the IPS 2012 batch has been transferred as additional DCP, West district while Kamalpal Singh, DANIPS 2009 batch has been given the posting as DCP, land

and building," the order stated. "The IPS-SPS 2001 batch, R P Meena, has been transferred as DCP, Traffic and The IPS-SPS 1997, Joy N Trikey has been given the charge of DCP, Special Branch. The IPS-SPS 2001 batch, Anita Roy has been appointed as DCP, Security," the order read.

#### NEW DELHI: Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Thursday said the national

Capital would soon become a city of lakes, which would act as tourist spots.

Elaborating on Kejriwal's announcement, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia said the Government was undertaking rejuvenation and beautification of 50 lakes in the city.

Sisodia also took stock of the work at Sannoth Lake in Bawana in northwest Delhi."In order to make Arvind Kejriwal's Delhi a city of lakes, I took stock of the work being done to restore and beautify Sannoth Lake. With lakhs of litres of treated water daily, the dried up Sannoth Lake is being transformed into one of the most beautiful picnic spots of Delhi," Sisodia said in a tweet in Hindi. He added that this project would also address Delhi's water shortage issue."Fifty such lakes that have lost their identity are being restored and this will enable recharge of groundwater and also address the problem of water shortage. Once this project is completed, Delhiites

will be able to come here with

their families and marvel at the beauty," Sisodia tweeted. Quote-tweeting Sisodia's tweet, Kejriwal said, "After becoming 'city of tirangas', Delhi is set to become 'city of lakes'. Soon, we will have so many beautiful lakes across Delhi.

They will act as refreshing spots for local people and tourist spot for outsiders." Meanwhile, Sisodia had also directed the officers to complete the work in stipulated time by focusing on the beautification of the lake and ensuring adherence to quality stan-



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# India, Japan plan first joint fighter jet drill

India's partnership with Japan will play crucial role in ensuring open, rules-based Indo-Pacific region, says Rajnath

**PIONEER NEWS** SERVICE/AGENCIES NEW DELHI/TOKYO

India and Japan on Thursday reviewed the entire spectrum of their bilateral defence ties and agreed to hold the first joint fighter jets exercise as well as enhance defence co-operation. This was the main take away from the 90-minute talks in Tokyo between Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and his Japanese counterpart Yasukazu Hamada. The bilateral meeting took place ahead of the second two plus two dialogue between the Defence and External Affairs Ministers of the two countries there.

The two Defence Ministers in their meeting also emphasised that the bilateral special strategic and global partnership plays a crucial role in ensuring a free, open and rules-based Indo-Pacific, amidst China's aggressive behaviour in the

Noting that India and Japan pursue a Special Strategic and Global Partnership, Rajnath said India's defence



partnership with Japan will play a crucial role in ensuring a free, open and rules-based Indo-Pacific region.

Rajnath stressed on the need to expand the scope of partnership between India and Japan in defence equipment and technological cooperation and invited Japanese industries to invest in India's defence

He invited Japanese industries to invest in India's defence corridors where a conducive environment for the growth of the defence industry has been created by the government of India, the defence ministry statement issued in New Delhi

During the delegation-level talks, Rajnath highlighted that the growing complexities in the India-Japan bilateral defence exercises is a testimony to the deepening of defence cooper-

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tries. The two ministers expressed their commitment in continuing bilateral and multilateral exercises including 'Dharma Guardian', 'JIMEX'

They welcomed the operationalisation of the reciprocal provision of supply and services agreement during exercise MILAN' in March this year, it said. "The two ministers agreed that the early conduct of the inaugural fighter exercise will pave the way for much greater cooperation and interoperability between the Air Forces of the two countries," it added.

Rainath said after the two plus two dialogue the two countries noted the progress in the military to military cooperation and exchanges between the two sides.

He said the two sides have established staff talks and

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High-level dialogue between all the three Services and the Coast Guard. "I am glad that we have now agreed on Staff Talks between the Joint Staff of the Japanese Self Defense Forces and the Integrated Defence Staff of India," the defence minister said.

The Japanese defence ministry said the two leaders affirmed that they would continue to vigorously promote defence cooperation and exchanges, for further enhancing Japan-India Strategic and Partnership, to uphold and reinforce the free and open Indo-Pacific while maintaining close communication between respective defence authorities.

The joint statement released after the two plus two dialogue said the two sides acknowledged the vast potential for the two countries to expand bilateral cooperation in the areas of defense equipment and technology cooperation.

The Ministers expressed satisfaction with the ongoing cooperation in the areas of Unmanned Ground Vehicle (UGV)/Robotics and the Sixth India-Japan Joint Working Group on Defence Equipment and Technology Cooperation and concurred to further identify concrete areas for future cooperation in defence equipment and technology.



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

The Supreme Court on Thursday fixed three broad issues for adjudication arising from the pleas challenging the Centre's decision to grant 10 per cent reservation to EWS in admissions and jobs.

The apex court will also decide whether Constitution Amendment) Act breached the doctrine of the basic structure of the Constitution by allowing the State to make such special provisions. The hearing will commence from September

A five-judge Constitution bench headed by Chief Justice UU Lalit said the three issues suggested by Attorney General KK Venugopal for the decision "broadly" covered all the aspects relating to the petitions on the constitutional validity of the decision to grant the reservation.

"Whether the 103rd Constitution amendment Act can be said to breach the basic structure of the Constitution by permitting the State to make special provisions, including reservation, based on economic criteria," read the first issue

## SC fixes issues for adjudication on pleas challenging Centre's 10% EWS quota

was whether the constitutional amendment could be said to breach the basic structure by permitting the state to make special provisions concerning admissions to private unaided institutions.

Whether the 103rd Constitution amendment can be said to breach the basic structure of the Constitution in excluding the SEBCs/OBCs, SCs/STs from the scope of EWS reservation," the third issue, to be adjudicated upon by the bench, read.

The doctrine of basic structure was propounded by the top court in 1973 while deciding the Keshavananda Bharati case. It was held that Parliament could not amend every bit of the Constitution, and aspects such as rule of law, separation of powers, and judicial freedom formed part of the "basic structure" of the Constitution and hence, could not be amended.

The bench, also comprisjustices Dinesh Maheshwari, S Ravindra Bhat, Bela M Trivedi, and JB Pardiwala, took note of the issues framed by several counsels and then decided to take up the three questions framed by Venugopal as core ones to be decided

The CJI asked the intervenors, including states like Madhya Pradesh, Assam, and Maharashtra, to file their written submissions in the case and assured them that they will also be allowed to argue provided The second legal question there is no repetition of arguPatanjali goes to Delhi HC in support of PIL seeking integrated medicinal system

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW

Baba Ramdev's Patanjali Research Institute on Thursday approached the Delhi High Court seeking impleadment in a petition for adoption of an "Indian holistic approach" in medical education and practice instead of the "colonial segregated way" of having different streams of allopathy, ayurveda, yoga and homeopathy.

Patanjali said it is supporting the prayers made in the main petition filed by advocate and petitioner Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay.

A bench of Chief Justice SC Sharma and S Prasad noted the intervention application seeking to be impleaded as a party to the petition was not on record and granted one week's time to the applicant institute to bring it on record. The petition has claimed the adoption of a holistic approach in the medical field, which would be a combination of modern and traditional medicine at the level of education, training, practice, and policies

ments. The Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha cleared the bill on January 8 and 9 in 2019 respectively and it was then signed by then President Ram Nath



the right to health guaranteed under Articles 21, 39(e), 41, 43, 47, 48(a), 51A of the Constitution and improve the country's doctor to population ratio as well as the health care

The Centre, in its affidavit, has said the right to practice any profession is a fundamental right guaranteed under the Constitution but that right is subject to any law relating to the professional qualifications necessary for practising any pro-

It submitted that NITI Aayog, Health and Family Welfare Division, has constituted a committee on formulation of Integrative Health Policy vide office memorandum of August 13, 2020, to examine and submit its report on several terms

Kovind. The EWS quota is over and above the existing 50 per cent reservation to SCs, STs, and Other Backward Classes

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Led six flight-tests of Quick Reaction Surface to Air Missile(QRSAM)from Integrated Test Range (ITR) Chandipur off the Odisha coast. The flight tests were conducted as part of evaluation trials by the Indian Army. The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)has designed and developed the missile. Flighttests were carried out against high-speed aerial targets mimicking various types of threats to evaluate the capability of the

They include long range medium altitude, short range, high altitude manoeu-

vring target, low radar signature with receding and crossing target and salvo launch with two missiles fired in quick succession. The system performance was also evaluated under day and night operation scenarios, officials said here. During these tests, all the mission objectives were met establishing pin-point accuracy of the weapon system with state-of-the-art guid-

weapon systems under different scenarios.

ance and control algorithms, including warhead chain, they said. The performance of the system was confirmed from the data captured by a number of range instruments like telemetry and Radar and Electro Optical Tracking Systems (EOTS) deployed by ITR. The tests were conducted in the final deployment configuration consisting of all indigenously-developed sub-systems, including the Frequency (RF) seeker, mobile launcher, fully automated command and control system, surveillance and multi-function

### Work together for dev of cooperative sector for \$5 tn economy: Shah to States

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE



National Conference of State Cooperation Ministers here, Shaĥ asserted that efforts should be made to ensure that cooperative movement run at the same speed in every state of India, a statement said.

"In those states where the activities have stopped or slowed down, the effort should be to accelerate. For that, we tive policy," Shah, who is also Union Home Minister, said. The new policy should be framed to ensure all round development of cooperative cabinet minister Suresh USD 5 trillion.



sector in all states and Union Territories, and also identify new areas, he added.

Shah pointed out that cooperative movement is strong in West and South India, but in developing stage in north and central India while least developed in east and north-eastern states. He asserted that the cooperative departments of all the states should follow the same path of development and adopt uniform

Earlier this week, the Government announced constitution of a 47-member committee, headed by former union

al cooperation policy document that will promote cooperative-based economic development model. The new National Cooperative Policy is being formulated to realise the vision of 'Sahakar Se Samriddhi'. "All the states will have to work together in spirit of Team India for development of the cooperative sector.

Prabhu, to draft a new nation-

Our target should be that in 100 years, cooperatives try's economy," Shah said, adding that cooperatives should play a major role in taking the country's economy to

#### Jai Prakash appointed Cong in-charge of MP

PNS NEW DELHI

ongress president Sonia Gandhi has appointed former Delhi Congress president and several times Lok Sabha member Jai Prakash Agarwal as the party in-charge for Madhya Pradesh in place of Mukul Wasnik, who had requested for relieving him of the responsi-

bility. Wasnik will, however, continue as an AICC general secretary but will oversee other organisational matters. "Congress president has accepted the request of Mukul Wasnik to relieve him from his current responsibility as general secretary in-charge of Madhya Pradesh, so that he can oversee

Congress president has appointed Jai Prakash Agarwal as AICC in-charge of Madhya Pradesh with immediate effect," the party said in a statement.

## 'Ability to better monitor pest can help farmers'

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

oil temperature can be used Sto effectively monitor and predict the spread of the corn earworm (Helicoverpa zea), a pest that ravages corn, cotton, soybeans, peppers, tomatoes and other vegetable crops, according to a new study from North Carolina State University.

The ability to better monitor the pest and make predictions about where it will appear could help farmers control the pest more effectively, which would reduce the financial and environmental impacts of pesticide use. The researchers combined historical soil tem-

perature data with long-term corn earworm monitoring data and information on how the pest survives cold conditions in a lab setting to better understand "overwintering success," or how well the pest can survive underground during the colder winter months.

Greater overwintering success can expand the areas where the pest can live and thrive, the researchers say, as the pest can migrate long distances.

Generally, greater overwintering success in more northern latitudes increases the potential for crop damage from this pest further north. Climate change also affects overwintering success.

#### employers \$14 billion yearly, says survey New Delhi: Poor mental health amongst employees costs Indian employers around USD 14 billion annually in

absenteeism, lower productivity and attrition, according to Deloitte's Mental Health

Over the years, mental health issues have seen a steady rise globally, accentuated further by the onset of COVID-19. According to World Health Organisation (WHO), India accounts for nearly 15 per cent of the global mental health burden. To

Centre to launch TB-Mukt Bharat Abhiyan today

analyse the current state of mental well-being amongst Indian employees, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India LLP (DTTILLP) undertook a survey titled 'Mental health and well-being in the workplace', it said in a statement.

The survey dives into the

Poor mental health of employees costs Indian

top stressors from an employee's perspective, along with an estimate of the yearly economic cost to Indian companies arising from poor employee mental health. Around 47 per cent of

professionals surveyed con-

sider workplace-related stress as the biggest factor affecting their mental health, followed by financial and COVID-19 challenges."These stressors manifest in multiple ways, affecting both the personal and professional facets of an individual's life; often with associated social and economic costs," it said.

The report estimates that poor mental health amongst employees costs Indian employers around USD 14 billion per year.

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2.	Ashu Bharti/ Rinki/ 26600001273/ QZDEL00005025967	H. No. 209/2, LHS 1st Floor, Gali No-8, Kh No. 1539/624 & 1565/624, Bholanath Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi, New Delhi 110032/ September 06, 2022	April 01, 2022 Rs. 5,07,300/-	Delhi/ NCR

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#### 1.8 kg heroin recovered at Abohar sector

NewDelhi: The Border Security Force (BSF) on Thursday recovered two bottles filled with heroin weighing 1.8 kg in the cavity of a tractor and took suspect farmer in custody from Abohar sector in Punjab.

Earlier, on the intervening night of Tuesday/Wednesday Force had recovered six packets of contraband suspected to be heroin (gross weight - 6.370 kg) wrapped with yellow adhesive tape and another packet kept in black socks from sector in Punjab. The tractor belonged to a farmer Vakeel Singh who was taken into custody while tractor came out from border fence gate in Abohar sector, the BSF said in a statement. PNS

#### PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI** T o achieve the goal of tuber-culosis elimination by 2025,

the Government will launch the Pradhan Mantri TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyan on Friday, which is aimed at providing community support to those suffering from the disease.

Under the campaign, peo-

ple and institutions can adopt blocks, districts or even an individual patient and provide nutritional and treatment support. It has been found that both protein-energy malnutrition and micronutrients deficiencies increase the risk of tuberculosis. Also, as malnourished tuberculosis patients have delayed recovery and higher mortality rates than

well-nourished patients, under the new Abhiyan, the fourpronged support includes nutritional, additional diagnostic, additional nutritional supplements and vocational support. The donors, called Nikshay Mitras, could be a wide range of stakeholders from elected representatives, political parties to corporates, NGOs, institutions and individuals In line with Prime Minister

Narendra Modi's clarion call given at the Delhi End TB Summit in March 2018 to eliminate the disease from the country five years ahead of the SDG (Sustainable Development Goal) target of 2030, President Droupadi Murmu will virtually launch

the campaign on Friday. The

president will also launch the Ni-kshay Mitra" initiative that forms a vital component of the campaign. The Ni-kshay 2.0 portal provides a platform to the donors to provide various forms of support to those undergoing TB treatment. The governors and lieu-

tenant governors of the states and Union territories, along with state officials, will also be urged to take the campaign for-According to official sources, of the total 13,51,611

TB patients presently on treatment in the country, 8,95,119 had given their consent to be adopted till September 7. Under the programme, a monthly food basket comprising 3 kg of rice, 1.5 kg of pulses, 250 grams of vegetable

powder or six litres of milk or kg of groundnut has been recommended for each tuberculosis patient. Thirty eggs can also be added to the basket, according to an official source. "In addition to nutritional support, the donor organisation or individual may also provide vocational sup-port, additional diagnostic help or nutritional supplements containing B complex vita-mins, vitamin C and minerals," the source said. The minimum period of

commitment for providing additional support to a TB patient shall be one year, he said, adding that there are options of a support programme for two and three

## India becoming world's 5th largest economy no ordinary feat: Modi

#### **Every Indian** proud of it, says PM

**PTI** ■ SURAT

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said India has become the fifth largest economy in the world and this is not an ordinary achievement.

"Every Indian is feeling proud of it. We need to maintain this enthusiasm," Modi

He was virtually addressing beneficiaries of various Government schemes and



those present at a mega medical camp organised in Olpad area of Surat city in Gujarat, where the Assembly polls are due later this year.

The PM interacted with some of the beneficiaries and appealed to farmers to switch

to natural farming, saying this will result in better yield at minimum cost.

He lauded the Gujarat government and referred to the BJP-led state and the Centre as "double engine government".

"Recently, India has become the fifth largest economy in the world. This achievement gave us confidence to work even harder and achieve bigger goals in this Amrit Kaal. This progress is not

ordinary. Every Indian is feeling proud about it. We need to maintain this enthusiasm," the PM said.

Referring to the Centre's medical camp were organised Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, by Gujarat Minister of State for Modi said, "As many as three Agriculture, Energy and crore houses were built by the Petrochemicals Mukesh Patel, who is the MLA from Olpad in government across the country

for the poor during the last 8

years. Of these, nearly 10 lakh

houses were constructed in

infrastructure in Guiarat, say-

ing the state has a robust net-

work of multispecialty hospi-

colleges has gone up from 11 to

31 in the last two decades. An

All India Institute of Medical

Sciences (AIIMS) is coming up

(in Rajkot) and several new

medical colleges are also pro-

posed for the state," he said.

The entire event and the

Modi praised the health

"The number of medical

Gujarat alone.

On the occasion, Modi urged doctors deployed at the medical camp to talk to patients about their lifestyle and the importance of having nutritious food, which can keep people away from many ill-

He said nearly four crore people in the country, including 30 lakh in Gujarat, have already availed benefit of the Centre's Ayushman Bharat scheme, which provides health cover of up to Rs five lakh per family in a year.

Praising the Gujarat government, Modi said 97 per cent of rural homes in the state are now getting drinking water through the ambitious 'Nal Se

## Sena MP Raut seeks bail, says ED case against him 'political vendetta'

Tailed Shiv Sena MP Sanjay Raut has moved a court here for bail claiming that he had nothing to do with the Patra Chawl money laundering case as alleged by the Enforcement Directorate.

The case against him was a "perfect example" of political vendetta, he said. Raut was arrested by the ED in the alleged Patra Chawl redevelopment scam here on August

1. He is now in judicial custody. Special judge for Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) cases M G Deshpande on Thursday directed the central agency to file a reply to the bail plea by September 16.

As per the ED, the Maharashtra Housing and Area Development Authority (MHADA) awarded the Patra



Chawl tenement redevelopment project in suburban Goregaon to Guru Ashish Construction Pvt Ltd (GACPL), a sister company of HDIL (Housing Development and Infrastructure Ltd).

GACPL was supposed to provide flats for the chawl tenants through redevelopment and sell the remaining land to private developers, but the tenants did not get flats even after 14 years, the ED said. The company did not redevelop the tenement but sold land parcels to other builders for Rs 1,034 crore and also launched its own

a close associate of Sanjay Raut, and other directors of Guru Ashish Constructions misled MHADA, it said. Pravin Raut was allegedly one of the directors along with Sarang and Rakesh Wadhawan of HDIL, prime accused in the PMC bank scam. Sanjay Raut

"is nowhere connected to Guru Ashish Construction, HDIL or Patra Chawl," the bail application said. The case against the Shiv Sena leader was a "perfect example of abuse of power and political vendetta", and he has been "victimized to forcibly crush the opposition faced by the ruling party," it further alleged. The Rajya Sabha member is accused of receiving 'proceeds of crime' amounting to Rs 1.06 crore from Pravin Raut's wife and two other developers.

## Swatantra likely to be inducted into UP BJP core committee

The core committee of the Uttar Pradesh unit of the Bharatiya Janata Party is likely to be expanded. Former BJP State president and Jal Shakti Minister in Yogi Adityanath Government, Swatantra Dev Singh is likely to be inducted in the core committee.

UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath had praised Swatantra Dev Singh while welcoming the new BJP state president Bhupendra Singh Chaudhary on August 29. The chief minister had said, "Swatantra Dev Singh will not be 'let free'." Later, Swatantra Dev Singh, even though not a member, was invited to the core committee



meeting held at the chief minister's residence.

According to sources, Swatantra Dev Singh is likely to get a key role in the UP BJP core committee formed to coordinate with the organisation and the government.

The UP BJP core committee's expansion is expected soon, with several rounds of meetings already conducted. Sources suggest there were

discussions on expanding the core committee members from five to eight. The three new members could include a member from the Dalit community, a woman and Swatantra Dev Singh. Currently, there are five members in the core committee — Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya, Deputy Chief Minister Brajesh Pathak, UP BJP state president Bhupendra Singh Chaudhary and party's general secretary (organisation) Dharampal

The purpose of this committee is to take up key responsibilities such as coordinating between the government and the organization and sending the inputs to the central leadership by putting its final seal on the important decisions at the state level. The committee has to give its opinion on the decisions by coordinating with the BJP organisation, the government, the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) and its affiliated organisa-

Swatantra Dev Singh is currently the state Jal Shakti Minister in the Yogi govern-ment. Recently, he had resigned from the post of party state president and the leader of the Legislative Council. Earlier, it was being speculated that Swatantra Dev Singh would no longer be involved in the decisions of

## Very few Kashmiri Pandits returning to Valley due to sense of fear: Karan

onstant sense of fear and Capprehension among Kashmiri Pandits is why very few of them are willing to return to their homeland in the Valley, veteran politician Karan Singh has said.

Singh, who was speaking at the release of a book, "When the Heart Speaks", memoirs of wellknown cardiologist Dr Upendra Kaul, said most of the Kashmiri Pandits who could afford to go out have gone and "settled for good" — be it abroad or different parts of the country. However, Kashmir will always remain "incomplete" without Kashmiri Pandits, Singh said.

"Kashmir is beautiful and beguiling and the tragedy that has taken over the Valley since 1947 is heartbreaking," Singh,



whose father Maharaja Hari Singh was the last Dogra ruler of Kashmir, said.

He commended Dr Kaul and other Kashmiri Pandits like him who have returned and built their homes in the Valley but added that "such examples are very rare".

'Very few Kashmiri Pandits are doing that because there is always a sense of fear and a sense of apprehension and that will take a long time to go because the trauma through

have been I think they are not just prepared to face that again,' he said

"As it is, everybody who could get away has gone. Like the people who could settle in other parts of India have settled there. The people who could settle abroad have settled abroad...Now, I think special care needs to be taken of the migrants who are living peacefully in Jammu since they came, and also of Kashmir Pandits who want to go back," he added.

Kashmir has witnessed a string of fatal attacks on members of the minority community this year, in which Rahul Bhat, a government employee recruited under the prime minister's special package for Kashmir Pandits and teacher Rajini Bala, were killed.

#### Student, three die in separate road accidents in UP

PNS LUCKNOW

a tragic mishap in In a tragic mishap in Shahjahanpur, the driver of a school bus lost control over the wheels and came on the wrong side of the road and crushed two school going students, killing one of them on the spot and critically injuring the other.

Agitated over the accident, the family members and local residents ransacked the school bus which was abandoned by the driver while fleeing the spot. In another incident two students going to school by bicycle were hit by the bus and were critically injured. One of them died on

In another accident in Hamirpur, a speeding truck crushed a 4-year-old girl playing outside her home on Thursday morning. She died on the spot.

## Jammu university Prof kills self minutes after suspension over sexual harassment charges

The family of a Jammu University Associate Luniversity Associate Professor, Dr Chandra Shekhar, who allegedly died by suicide inside his office chamber minutes after he was handed over his suspension letter over allegations Wednesday, has demanded an impartial inquiry and severe punishment for those found guilty in the matter.

At the same time, the shocking incident on the campus has also opened up a pandora's box amid allegations of casteist behaviour towards the faculty member by a section of faculty members who tried to prevent him from becoming Head of the Psychology department.

Dr Chandra Shekhar was due for promotion and likely to take over the charge of the Headship of the department at

the end of this month.

Speaking to a Jammu based news portal The Straight Line inside her University apartment Dr Neeta Chandra, wife of deceased Associate Professor, demanded an impartial inquiry from the Jammu University Vice Chancellor Prof Umesh Dr Neeta Chandra alleged,

"My husband faced harassment in the department for a long time. He was due for promotion and supposed to take over the headship as the current HOD Prof Arti Bakhshi was retiring". She alleged it appears a

conspiracy was hatched to prevent my husband from becoming Head of the Department. Dr Neeta went on to allege my husband was also the victim of casteism in the University campus. "He was often ignored by his colleagues by way of not offering him the chair during



official events". "I have myself experienced this kind of behaviour on certain occasions". Referring to the allegation of sexual misconduct levelled against her husband, Dr Neeta Chandra claimed, "Allegations levelled against my husband were baseless. He has been teaching in the Jammu University since 2007. He was a competent academician and his hands were full of work.

Meanwhile, Jammu University Dean Students Welfare (DSW) Prof Prakash Anthal had told reporters late

Wednesday evening Dr Shekhar was placed under suspension by a departmental inquiry committee looking into a complaint filed by some female students against him a few days ago.

"When Shekhar came to know about his suspension, he locked himself in a room and the ceiling fan," stated Prof Anthal. Ironically, the role of the Jammu University's Committee against Sexual Harassment ( CASH committee) has also come under the scanner.

According to Prof Prakash Anthal, a complaint of sexual harassment was filed by over 20 students on September 1 against Dr. Chandra Shekhar to the Vice Chancellors' office. The vice chancellor's office handed over the matter to GSCASH Committee of the university, to look into the matters pertaining

#### Artist dies on stage while performing at dancing opera of Lord Shiva

**PTI** ■ JAMMU

Amale artist performing role foof goddess Parvati in a Lord Shiva's dancing opera died after he collapsed on stage in Jammu city outskirts and the video of his last moments went viral on social media.

performing in Lord Shiva's

dancing-cum-musical opera at

a night Jagran in Kotha Sonia hamlet of Bishnah tehil on Tuesday night, sources said. During the dancing per-

formance, he was rolling on the stage floor amid applause from the crowd but could not get up, they said.

As he failed to get up despite struggle, the actor per-forming role of Lord Shiva and some people rushed to the stage and shifted him to hospital, where doctors declared him brought dead

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## Mayawati dancing to the tunes of BJP: Akhilesh

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Samajwadi Party chief and former Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Akhilesh Yadav, on Thursday launched a scathing attack on his former ally Bahujan Samaj Party chief, saying "Mayawati is dancing to the tunes of the Bharatiya Janata Party".

"Bahujan Samaj Party chief Mayawati has confined herself in a 'jail' and I think that the 'jailor' is sitting in Delhi. Mayawati is not fighting the BJP, her target is the SP. If you look at the statements issued by her it is clear that she is busy in devising ways and means and new tactics as to how to defeat the Samajwadi Party in all elections," Akhilesh Yadav said and added, "When she broke the alliance with the SP after the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, she was conspicuous by her silence.

He added, "Instead of raising questions on the undemocratic actions of the BJP government, the BSP president targets the opposition



did not utter a word during the by-elections to Azamgarh and Rampur Lok Sabha seats and extended her tacit support to the BJP, enabling the ruling party in to win both the seats.

UP's Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya criticised Akhilesh Yadav for attacking BSP chief Mavawati. "When Akhilesh Yadav ditched his father Mulayam Singh Yadav and uncle Shivpal Singh Yadav how can you expect him to be honest towards his Bua (aunt)," Keshav Prasad Maurya said in a tweet on

The war of words between Akhilesh Yadav and the BSP chief began soon after Mayawati last month criticised the SP chief's visit to Azamgarh district jail for meeting the SP MLA Ramakant Yadav. Mayawati in August had

questioned his visit and asked

why he did not visit jails to meet arrested Muslim leaders. "It is natural that there have been strong reactions to SP chief meeting party muscleman MLA Ramakant Yadav in Azamgarh jail and showing sympathy to him. It also reinforces the general perception

that the SP shelters these types

of criminal elements," Mayawati

had tweeted in Hindi. Ramakant Yadav, who is currently an SP MLA from Phoolpur Pawai in Azamgarh district, surrendered to a local court in August in a 24-yearold case of attempted murder.

"Also, is it unreasonable for various outfits and people to ask why the SP chief does not visit jails to meet Muslim leaders, even as he accuses the BJP government of implicating SP leaders in fake cases and lodging them in jail?" Mayawati added.

### Didi angry with Delhi invite mode

SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA

to sexual harassment.

Mamata Banerjee on Thursday attacked the Narendra Modi Government for "indecorously" inviting her at the inauguration of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's statue in Delhi and also for not inviting her during Modi-Sheikh Hasina talks before vowing to unseat the saffron government from power in 2024 general

Launching a scathing attack for treating the Chief Ministers like slaves Banerjee said, "my office received a letter day before yesterday ... it was perhaps written by some under secretary ... and it asked me to remain present during the inauguration of the NetajiSubhas Chandra Bose's statue ... an under secretary cannot invite a person (read Chief Minister) like that ... it

seemed as though we are their (read BJP Government) slaves .. Are we their slaves ... No we are not ... So before coming here I garlanded Netaji's statute in advance." Banerjee was addressing a

Trinamool Congress pro-

gramme in Kolkata.



She also attacked the Modi Government for not inviting her during this week's India-Bangladesh summit where the Indian Prime Minister held talks with his visiting Bangladesh counterpart Sheikh Hasina.

'The Centre did not invite me (to Delhi) during the visit of Sheikh Hasina with whom I share an excellent relationship ... why are they so afraid of me" Banerjee said.

"I have also seen that they often stop me from visiting foreign countries whenever I have a programme to meet the foreign dignitaries ... where is the fear ... why are they so much afraid of me," the Chief Minister said. I has been a practice in recent years to invite Bengal Chief Minister during Indo-Bangla summit considering the fact that Bengal shares a long border with that coun-

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### **New vistas**

The revamped Central Vista is grand; hopefully, it will bring the aspirations of people closer to policy makers

The revamped Central Vista Avenue, which was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday, is emblematic of an India, which is aspirational as well as vivacious. Modi also unveiled a jet black granite 28-feet statue of Subhas Chandra Bose, which is placed under the canopy near India Gate. Netaji's statue is said to be one of the tallest, most realistic, monolithic, handmade sculptures in India. Arun Yogiraj led the team of sculptors who made it using traditional techniques and modern tools. It has been carved from a monolithic 280-tonne block. For the PM, the Netaji statue was kind of undoing a wrong — of ignoring the great freedom fighter after Independence. "If, after Independence, India followed the path of Subhas Babu, what heights would the country be at today! But unfortunately, this great hero of ours was forgotten after Independence. His views, even the symbols associated with him, were ignored," Modi said. He pointed out that Netaji was the



first Prime Minister of Akhand Bharat who had liberated Andaman even before 1947 and unfurled the Tricolour. Netaji's statue at such a prominent place will surely remind people visiting it of the sacrifices made by the innumerable freedom fighters. It will also inspire them to take the challenges the nation is facing today head on, so that the tryst with destinv is redeemed.

Being the most popular public space in the Capital, the Central Vista will indeed become the vista where people and the Indian State would commingle. Stretching from Vijay Chowk to the iconic India Gate, the Vista has red granite walkways covering

about 1.1 lakh square metres, surrounded by greenery. Over 133 light poles, 4,087 trees, 114 signage posts and stepped gardens adorn the Kartavya Path, earlier known as Rajpath. In his speech, Modi justified the renaming, saying that the term 'Rajpath' smacked of a colonial mindset, not in tune with the duties of those who serve the nation. Before the inauguration of the Vista, the PM interacted with the workers who built it. He not only lauded them in his speech but also announced that he would them for the next Republic Day parade. Modi rightly said that the Kartavya Path is not just a road made of bricks and stones; "it is the vibrant path of India's democratic past and eternal values." He underlined how the ugly vestiges of our colonial past have been discarded; hundreds of British-era laws have been done away with. Further, the National Education Policy is also trying to shake off the yoke of the foreign language, just as the Central Vista has given up several colonial signs. The very design of the Central Vista brings people and Government functionaries closer. One hopes that this proximity will reflect in the Government's functioning, that the aspirations of people will resonate in Parliament and reflect in policy- and decision making. Only this will open new vistas in governance.



Prisoners in Naini Central Jail attend an open classroom on September 8, the International Literacy Day, in Prayagraj

## Cong begins yatra!

The 3,500-km journey is the Congress' mega plan to reach out to the nation's people

ahul Gandhi-led Bharat Jodo Yatra started yesterday down south. It started in Kanyakumari, the southernmost tip of the country, and would end after five months in Jammu & Kashmir. It would pass through 12 States and two Union Territories and cover a distance of 3,500 kilometres in five months. It is one of the biggest public outreach programmes being undertaken by the Congress party, which is passing through an existential crisis. Not only has the party shrunk in Parliament, but its vote share has shrunk too. Besides, even senior party leaders are deserting it. In this background, the Bharat Jodo Yatra becomes crucial. It would be an exercise not only to unite the country but also to unite the party. The Congress has indeed lost touch with the people and is confined to drawing room politics. But of late, espe-



ple and raise issues of unemployment, price hike and social fragmentation. Five months and 3,500 kilometres give Rahul Gandhi a golden chance to connect with people. The yatra is designed in such a way that it would have local participation at all times as Pradesh *vatri*s would join it when it passes through. At any given point, 300 *yatris* would be there in the yatra. Rahul Gandhi would be accompanied by 118 Congress leaders. Kanhaiya Kumar, Chandy Oommen, Pawan Khera and Vijay Inder Singla are among prominent leaders to go on the yatra.

Before embarking on the journey, Rahul Gandhi had mentioned in a speech the rationale for under-

taking the yatra. He said that all avenues were closed for the Opposition; it had been blacked out in Parliament and outside and all institutions have been compromised; so the only option he had was to go to the public and make them aware. The three basic issues on which the yatra would focus are economic disparities, social polarisation and pressing issues of stripping away of States' power and concentration of power at the Centre. The yatra would create awareness that social polarisation is happening in the name of caste, religion, language, food, dress and misuse of Government agencies like the ED and CBI. Such political *yatras* are not new to our country and we have seen several of them: The most noticeable was LK Advani's Rath Yatra in 1991 and former Prime Minister Chandrashekhar's 'pad yatra' in 1983. Both of them were well received and were quite effective in mobilising the masses.

# Data, the new oil of the 21st century-



Data pilferage is a big issue in the cyber world; to contain it, a composite approach with technical and political acumen is called for

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ata is the new oil. If refined like oil, it can be put to various uses. A valuable resource then that will and is already deciding the fate of individuals, organizations, corporates, and even countries. But till it is in the right hands it is innocuous and an asset but the moment miscreants get access to it, data becomes one of the biggest nightmares. Imagine an oil rig at the fire that becomes uncontrollable!

My data is my data and nobody has any business to use it in another way than the intended purpose. If you go into the dark and deep web, a lot of data is sold freely. And we are not even talking about sensitive information which is also available for a price. Anybody there can buy credit card info, get an Aadhar card, and even sensitive information of an individual which is bought and sold like veggies in the market. Chances are your credit card is already there for sale and you might never know about it. Ever wondered how cold marketing callers have precise info on your requirements? But the problem is nobody controls the internet and controlling the dark and deep web is almost impossible.

Cyber experts often say that you are secure till you are compromised. Everything is secure and nothing is secure. Sounds funny but that is a reality. No one can guarantee that its data cannot be stolen. All you need is a committed hacker with enormous resources and voila your data is gone. I have come across the Aadhar cards of foreign nationals. These Ids are created to snoop into systems, create telegram accounts for recruiting individuals for anti-national activities, and even incite riots and spread fake news.

The most dangerous war is not the one fought with weapons but waged clandestinely. Indeed we are vulnerable to cyber-attacks from all nostile players and countries. Is not enforceable there, until All you need is a will to do it you have a bilateral. So an eco-

place a piece of cyber-war machinery employing the best talent from across the world working in their own locations and collaborating on a project. Though having a protocol in place and laws to deal with data protection do help in a way but they have limitations. The data protection bill was a step in this direction. Though there is nothing wrong with it but it must be made more robust else it will not serve its purpose. We replicate and use European standards as a reference while making such laws but that does not always work. General data protection regulation GDPR in the western world and GDPR here are poles apart. Our bill was a copy-past of GDPR without taking into account our specifics.

Theoretically, we can say that government agencies must add filters to ensure data security. But that is easier said than done. And will not happen unless we have bilateral contracts across the globe because data doesn't remain static, it travels and traverses national boundaries. Your law and you can quickly put in system has to be developed



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where data is safe. This is the first step we must take. Our conditions are different from theirs, the character of data and stakeholders are different so are the conditions. Here sheer volume of data is mindboggling; which is next to impossible to keep track of. They can do it there but not possible here until we have a huge infrastructure in place. For instance, whenever data be it voice text or video etc. reaches European Union it is scrutinized on their parameters. They can track and fetch data legally from the signatory countries. India is not even part of the Budapest convention. So the biggest challenge is to integrate our system with the rest of the world. In a digital terms, the whole world is your playground and if you don't cover it there would always be grey areas where cyber criminals would take refuge.

Our data protection, as well as cyber war preparedness, leaves much to be desired. Interestingly enough we have even failed to screen the data thugs operating in broad daylight. A seminar is organizea in india, duiy cleared by the government. Many experts participate and

get access to data to prepare a report. Turns out that the institute that organized it was a front for Beijing's

cyber warfare. The new technologies and AI makes the task easier and more difficult at the same time when employed to counter data theft it can be effective but when used by data thieves it becomes near impossible to even detect the crime let alone stop it. To ensure data protection and protect the country we need to have a twopronged approach; first, establish a robust ecosystem in which we have tie-ups across the world and protocols are in place to follow in wake of data theft, and second of course building the technical capabilities which would give us the capacity to counter such incidents. Both would need political will and resources. The work must start now it might be too late to catch up!

This is second part of the series on cyber crime. (Concluded.) (Author is Chief Strategic officer and aerospace security. He is an eminent expert for counter-terrorism for West Asia & Middle East countries. The views *expressed are personal*)

#### **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

#### **SAVE BRAND BENGALURU**

Sir — This refers to the news report, 'Taken up as challenge to restore rain-ruined Bengaluru, says CM' (September 7). It's not just "nature's fury" but rampant corruption, indiscriminate construction and disastrous engineering that has left Bengaluru to drown. Overnight rains in the past week have once again left India's technology hub exposed and crumbling, with its 12 million residents left at the mercy of civic apathy. Corruption is deeply rooted in the system. There are MLAs who extort money from real estate builders, the rajakaluves (storm water drains) are all blocked and the BBMP cannot handle the situation.

With boats hitting the streets instead of vehicles, the IT capital of the country is on the verge of sinking as a second cloudburst in a week has flooded the city. Any city in the world would be proud to host companies that provide employment to lakhs and contribute high revenue to the State exchequer, but Bengaluru is treating them unfairly. However, it is high time that the State Government woke up to the grim situation and fixed the civic issues to retain the IT companies and attract new investments.

N Sadhasiva Reddy | Bengaluru

TRUSS BRINGS GLAD TIDINGS Sir — Policy experts in India have reason to be happy that Liz Truss is now in power since there is scope for increasing trade volume to mutual advantage. In the last 20 years, the UK has invested over £20 billion in India. Our reciprocal investment supports over half a million jobs in both countries, which has led to Indian companies' revenues growing by nearly 90 per cent in five years. As the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, Truss often held forth on her views about strengthening the UK-India

She knows India well and has visited here three times in 18 months. Our trade

### Pandits at the receiving end



ne most daunting task and difficult guestion regarding the Kashmir imbroglio is the dignified return and rehabilitation of the Kashmiri Pandit community — the original inhabitants of the Valley. Unarquably, it can be said that this hapless community, which was hounded out by terrorists during the 1990s, continues to live in exile for 33 years now. However, an economic package in the shape of 6,000 jobs for Kashmiri migrants was

announced by the Congress Government in 2008. Various Governments expressed their intent to bring the Pandits back without any tangible plan and dialogue on the issue.

Now, amid targeted and selective killings of the minority Hindus in Kashmir, the PM package Kashmiri Pandit employees have fled the Valley and are agitating for their survival for the last 116 days. It is very strange that day in and day out, threats are issued on various social media platforms and the Pandits as well as other non-locals are being targeted and killed only because they do not subscribe to the thinking and destructive philosophy of the crusaders of Jihad. This is a testimony that the PM package KP employees can't perform their duties in such a surcharged atmosphere and are thus rightly demanding relocation to Jammu. The Centre must take corrective measures in this regard and transfer all KP package employees to the Jammu division

Vivek Koul I New Delhi

negotiations, which were re-kickstarted by her, are now in full swing. She has also been in favour of liberalising the visa regime, especially to make it more attractive for Indians, especially the professional class. All this bodes well for better bilateral relations. India ought to take advantage of this chance but it shouldn't forget to remind the UK that it shouldn't be a safe haven for fugitives from other nations, even if it is a matter for the courts and not the UK Government.

KV Chandra Mouli | Mysuru

#### **TEAM INDIA IN TRAUMA**

Sir — The game of cricket is played to a plan and odds are high as each and every team vies for the top honours. But the Indian team took everything for granted and paid a high price for this attitude. After losing to Pakistan in a cliffhanger, we thought it was easy to break the Sri Lankan challenge. But our plans went awry and we lost both the games and were just looking for a consolation win against Hong Kong. The main culprit for the disaster is the

selection panel. The selectors' whims and fancy brought down the latent talent available in the country. We took the game till the last over. It was just a fight for survival, thinking that our death bowlers are really creating a magical spell. But the ploy came to naught and the opposition had full measure of our tired bowlers. Why was such a lethargic approach applied in a do-or-die match? Rohit Sharma was solely responsible as he failed to give senior Ashwin his rightful place in the team. The shift in captaincy from Dhawan, Pandya, Rahul and Rohit also proved costly. Team India was in total trauma

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Holding back the municipal funds is adversely impacting primary education and health facilities in Delhi



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started the military action; we are trying to put an end

**Russian President** -Vladimir Putin

People are making films that they and their friends like to watch. Most audiences can't relate





will start my rehab soon and try to get back to cricket as

Cricketer -Ravindra Jadeja

This (Bharat Jodo Yatra) is a landmark occasion for our great party with such a glori ous legacy



Congress president -Sonia Gandhi

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### **CEPA WILL BE A FILLIP TO INDO-BANGLADESH TIES**

CEPA is the new-age tool for advancing bilateral relations



angladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina was on a four-day visit to New Delhi, this week, along with several senior minister. government. India and Bangladesh are now in the 'Shonali Adhyay' (literally translated golden phase) of their bilateral relationship, and this visit's outcome will decide the onward journey.

India and Bangladesh bilateral relationship is of significant political interest in Dhaka, where Sheikh Hasina will be looking at re-election for the fourth time. Sheikh Hasina personally has an affinity for India, as she had sought refuge in Delhi after her father Sheikh Mujibur Rehman was assassinated in a military coup. It is here that she found the late president of India Pranab Mukherjee take her under his wings and act

The sense of bonhomie continues with Sheikh Hasina maturing into an astute leader in the past nearly two decades of her being at the top leadership position in Bangladesh. Her continued leadership in Bangladesh would be in best interests for India due to her efforts to stall extremist Islamist militancy and her government's denial to provide shelter to anti-India elements

It assumes more significance given the geopolitical headwinds and the evolving threats from China emerging in the region. Last week the Chinese foreign minister in Dhaka had placed itself as the key strategic partner for Bangladesh.



Bangladesh has recently sought a \$4.5 billion loan from the international monetary fund (IMF) to manage its economy. China has a huge say in the way the IMF approves these loans. Unofficially, IMF encourages its key members such as China to settle terms of the loan, bilaterally with countries concerned before providing an approval. This can potentially limit Bangladesh's hand, while dealing with China, even though they have maintained that they will be cautious while taking loans from China. It is in India's interests to quickly move in and deepen the India-Bangladesh relationship further. In March this year, speaking at the India-Bangladesh stakeholder meet, Commerce minister Piyush Goyal said, "India is looking to advance the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) with Bangladesh".

CEPA is the new age tool for advancing bilateral relationships between two countries. As opposed to a free trade agreement, which generally has been more concentrated on trade in goods and has to clear a threshold defined by WTO, a CEPA is a more comprehensive economic framework. A CEPA has mechanisms to address issues related to trade in services, mutual recognition of standards in each other's markets, government procurement and connectivity related challenges.India has recently signed a CEPA with the UAE, while earlier it has entered into similar agreements with Japan and South Korea. One of the top exports from Bangladesh is textile and apparels, mainly shipped to Western nations. However, due to the geographic proximity and historic reasons most of Bangladesh's raw materials are shipped from India. Proposed road and railway routes from India's Northeast, passing through Bangladesh, can provide the much needed alternative connectivity for NE with Indian mainland.

The second pillar of the CEPA is joint production of defence equipment. Even though India has extended a \$500 million line of credit towards this, it hasn't really taken off. The third aspect of the relationship is to diversify the mutual trade relationship and look at potential investments in areas such as edtech, digital health, services, electronics and green energy. It is understood Bangladesh has already given a green signal to the CEPA text, the ball is in India's court to play now.

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# Vaping ban is myopic, must be reconsidered



### India must realise relative harm reduction is a worthwhile goal to pursue, and it must be done at all costs

ext month, it will be three years to India's knee-jerk and myopic ban on vaping that continues to remain ineffective, anti-people and, actually, does more harm than good. For a billion-plus nation like India, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare should have found ways to minimize this human and economic loss by lowering risks from tobacco use.

The mandarins in the ministry's corridors of power should have realised that the ban is useless, and its reversal is an urgent necessity. It can and should never be considered an indulgence. India, in fact, must consider humane, risk-proportionate regulations, while incorporating safeguards to prevent uptake. But it has not happened for the last three years despite the world taking the right kind of steps.
India, sadly, has not changed, not

budged. So what is happening? The figures are not encouraging at all. Indians bear an enormous tobacco burden. Worse, nearly a third of the population is dependent on some form of tobacco. This, in turn, leads to nearly 14 lakh deaths, almost the total population of Ranchi or Jabalpur. And then, the World Health Organization (WHO) says the whopping loss of \$27.5 billion annually is due to diseases related to tobacco use for persons aged 35 and above.

There are countless laws that the Ministry of Health has initiated to prevent or dissuade people from smoking. But the most controversial one is the irrational decision it took on the vaping industry.

So, there is a growing need for India to understand where it is going wrong despite some solid, established and growing scientific evidence across the world that says vaping is significantly less harmful than smoking, in essence, because it eliminates combustion, the primary driver of the harmful impact on the health conditions.

Vaping involves using a device that vaporizes a nicotine-containing liquid that the user inhales. Now, it is not without a risk, the evidence for vaping does not say that. It merely says cigarette smokers who switch would suffer from far fewer negative effects and live relatively longer, healthier lives.

This is a very vital, scientific evidence India continues to ignore at its own risk and prefers to remain in this clutter of mis information. Consider the landmark review by the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco (SRNT), the world's leading body on tobacco research, which has categorically said vaping is a less harmful alternative to smoking, and also an effective cessation tool. The review, which followed a comprehensive analysis of the scientific data available across the world, had the buy-ins of 15 past presidents of SRNT, who all are eminent scientists. You cannot brush them away, saying that they know nothing of the subject. The review



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SUCH AS THE UK, VAPING IS ADVISED TO SMOKERS. THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE IN THE UK HAS SAID THAT MOST SMOKERS ARE **MISINFORMED ABOUT THE** LOWER RISKS OF **VAPING COMPARED TO** 

SMOKING



The real advantage of vaping, as clinical trials across the world show, is that it encourages smoking cessation at almost twice the rates over traditional nicotine replacement therapies such as gums and patches. This is not all. Vaping - across the globe - has also been linked to a decline in the sale of combustible cigarettes. In short, it means it is effective as a smoking cessation tool.

In countries such as the UK, vaping is advised to smokers. The National Health Service (NHS) in the UK has said in clear terms that most smokers are misinformed about the lower risks of vaping compared to smoking.

Hence, India must follow what

is considered scientifically sound public health communication. But here, the big tobacco debate in India gets lost between effective communication and ineffective non-communication. So let's write the rules here once again. If you are a nonsmoker, avoid any nicotine-containing product. It is as simple as it can get. And if you are trying to quit smoking, but struggling to give up on nicotine use, you can easily reduce harm by switching to the least harmful options available such as vaping, snus or heated

Hence, the need of the hour is to decouple combustible tobacco from nicotine that does not cause cancer contrary to prevailing myth. India, like other nations, must go

moral problem. It needs to understand it and study it within the framework of dependence. The big tobacco debate in India

needs a dispassionate, scientific approach. The bureaucrats must understand it. India is still not understanding. The world's secondmost populous nation has adopted a top-down intervention that pushes behavioral change though regu-

It is not working; it will not work. And actually, it will end up doing more harm, ostensibly because people would try their best as people try to circumvent the ban by adopting even more risky behaviors such as buying cheaper products or goods sold in black-market.

Bureaucrats of the Health Ministry must understand that the need of the hour is to put smokers at the center of policy making. India enacted the ban without interacting with the stakeholders. The interactions should have happened, only then the vaping industry could have told bureaucrats of the Health Ministry what they are doing to help smokers make safer

India must initiate its own studies, especially into vaping e-liquids to ascertain possible harms and to guide policy making, and support the framing of standards that, sadly, do not exist for Indian smokeless tobacco.

So what is the argument here? It is that the mere presence of elements cannot be an indicator of harm. After all, everyday goods, including medicines, also contain many toxic compounds but under

the prescribed threshold. And then, is India aware of a study that found toxic exposure from vaping comparable to environmental air, and poses significantly lower passive risk. Well, second-hand smoking kills 800,000 people every year. And then, vaping technology is improving rapidly and would become more safe in future, pre-venting and even reversing harm

from smoking.
But the debate on nicotine and toxicity remains high in India. No one knows why in India, medical professionals are ill-informed of nicotine despite its global impact. Physicians - studies have proved across the world - have mistakenly believed nicotine leads to cancer

and heart and respiratory diseases. So let's be clear here. Nicotine is not a carcinogen, though it can be said to be a habit forming exercise. So India needs to decouple nicotine from smoking, as both pose significantly different levels of risk. Nicotine is also part of pharmaceutical cessation therapies which the WHO wants to include in the list of essential medicines and has also approved of their long-

India must realise relative harm reduction is a worthwhile goal to pursue. And it must be done at all costs. Why? Global evidence suggests e-cigarette use can increase the odds of quitting smoking and that vaping has the potential to reduce adult smokingattributable mortality.

This means this can be a huge difference between longer life and near-certain death for millions of Indian smokers.

I HAVE WORKED WITH HONESTY. EVEN IF ED RAIDS MY HOUSE. ALL THEY MAY FIND IS BUILDING PLANS FOR SOME SCHOOLS. —DELHI DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER MANISH SISODIA





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## Amid stressed healthcare system, a shining example

(The author is a senior

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## Sri Ram Himalayan Institute of Medical Science Jolly Grant shows that it remains second to none in quality healthcare

→he fundamental architecture of good governance in any society has a special space for quality of medical and health infrastructure apart from good education, housing and of course an ambience of an excellent law and order machinery. The coronavirus pandemic has badly exposed India's health infrastructure, as people died of shortage of oxygen and ventilators even in the best hospitals in Delhi and other Metro cities.

Uttarakhand suffered heavily in terms of Covid-19 deaths, though the state boasts of an All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) at Rishikesh, which also catered for the patients of Uttar Pradesh. Delhi has always been the destination for all Indians who throng to the AIIMS and



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Safdarjang until recently when several AIIMS like institutions were set up. However, considering the lack of focus in the management of these AIIMs, the health services in them are far from satisfactory. Take the human resources

other hospitals like RML and

development policy of recruitment of all group B and C posts, including the posts of multi task employees like helpers and drivers, etc., through a common entry examination conducted at the all-India level. This has created more problems than sorting out the manpower engagement. The Ministry of health should have identified a certain category of lower posts for which the entrance examination should have been conduct-

ed on the state basis where the

AIIMS are situated.

The private hospitals infrastructures have proliferated all over India, but they are criticized for their avarice and fleecing people with a lot of unnecessary procedures they inflict upon the unsuspecting patients, who are like sitting ducks.

However, this writer has come across a hospital in Uttarakhand the functioning of which he has reviewed after assessing that the implementation of Covid-19 protocol by the state health department in the state was more in breach as the cases were being completely neglected by the Chief Medical Officer of Dehradun.

This writer became Covid positive on 16th August and only on 18th one doctor from Doon Medical College telephoned who was requested to

that there was no contact and support not only in this case but several other cases. When the disease became serious, I had no alternative to choose from a private hospital which has a reputation of providing affordable health care to the people of this hilly state. I got admitted to the Sri Ram Himalayan Institute of Medical Science Jolly Grant which works on the e of AIIMS.

This institution was set up Swami Ram in 1995 with the aim of providing ethically sound medical services. It admits 150 MBBS and 120 MD/MS students annually with a 1200-bedded Himalayan Hospital equipped with 950 hostel rooms and excellent faculty accommodation with all ultra-modern medical facili-

follow the protocol but after ties being provided including four oxygen plants. The institute offers super specialty programs in Surgical Oncology, Cardiology, Neurosurgery and in Neurology, PhD programmes, Fellowship Programmes and Paramedical Programmes. The institution is adopting a competency based curriculum for under graduates and postgraduate departments. The institution is set up in

a 200-acre beautifully landscaped green area in the foothills of Himalaya and its clean and lean ambience gives this institution a beautiful look where the patients are treated in a caring manner and the treatment procedures are affordable and reasonably priced. In the midst of other private hospitals this place is an "oasis in desert" so to say and any one can visit

here to see how silently its 3500 like Rock stock University of strong faculty and support staff is treating more than 5.5 lakh out patients and 60,000 inhouse patients annually. In any learning institute of

higher education, the library is the key to judge its efficacy of the learning process. The library is open on all working days with access to the latest 19,000 books, 191 journals, and 1,671 e-journals. The institution has a state of the art auditorium, lecture theatres, labs and demonstration rooms. Considering the quality of faculty the National Medical Commission has recognized this institution to train medical faculty of 19 Medical Colleges of Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh. It has international research collaborations with nine Institutions

Germany, IBC Denmark, Wisconsin University of USA and other AIIMS and every year more than 150 research papers are published in journals of repute.

The monthly bills amounting to Rs 17 crore are based on self-generated revenue and without any recourse to loans/grants, etc. It shows the objectives of Swami Ram in providing affordable and ethically defined medical services to the underprivileged sections of people by creating a self-sustained international standard health care for the people of Uttarakhand has been achieved. The hospital has been adjudged as first in the country for treating the highest number of patients under Ayushman

# **Ukrainian forces retake territory** near Kharkiv occupied by Russia

authorities had begun evacuating

women and children from the

town and nearby areas because of

on Wednesday, Ukrainian

President Volodymyr Zelensky

also reported success in the

Kharkiv region but didn't provide

which was built to bring Russian gas

to Germany but put on ice shortly before Russia invaded Ukraine, a

four-month extension to its "stay of

bankruptcy." The stay for Nord Stream

2 AG was extended from Sept. 10

through Jan. 10 by a regional court in

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In his nightly video address

relentless Ukrainian shelling.

krainian forces in the northeastern Kharkiv region have retaken portions of Russian-held territory there as a Ukrainian counteroffensive in the south has drained some of Moscow's resources in the area, according to a report released on Wednesday.

Ukrainian forces in the Kharkiv region are "likely exploiting Russian force reallocation" to areas near the occupied city of Kherson in the south "to conduct an opportunistic yet highly effective counteroffensive" in the province, Washington-based think tank Institute for the Study

Ukrainian forces likely used "tactical surprise" to advance at least 12 miles (20 kilometres) into Russian-held territory in the



Kharkiv region on Wednesday, recapturing approximately 155 square miles (400 square kilometers) of ground, the report

Vitaly Ganchev, the Moscow-backed mayor of the town of Kupiansk in a Russianoccupied area of the Kharkiv region, said on Thursday that

news from the Kharkiv region. You have probably already seen reports about the activity of Ukrainian defenders, and I think every citizen feels proud of our warriors," Zelensky said.

The gains came as Ukraine continued to mount a counteroffensive in the southern Kherson region, where the Ukrainian military is trying to retake territory from the Russians and has claimed the recapture of an unspecified number of towns.

Ukraine's ongoing operations near Kherson have forced Russian forces to shift their focus to the south, the Institute for the Study of War report said, enabling Ukrainian forces to launch localised but highly effective counterattacks near Kharkiv, Ukraine's second-largest city.

on late Wednesday, saying they would help disrupt supplies to Russian forces in the area and potentially lead to their encirclement. Meanwhile, tensions continued to simmer around

of Ukrainian gains near Kharkiv

Europe's largest nuclear power plant where Ukraine and Russia have accused each other of threatening a nuclear disaster by shelling near the facility. The towns of Nikopol and Marhanets, which face the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant across the Dnieper river,

had come under Russian shelling overnight that left apartment buildings, a school, some industrial facilities and power lines damaged, said Valentyn Reznichenko, the governor of the Dnipropetrovsk province.

## Blinken, in Kyiv, unveils \$2 bn in US military aid for Europe

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken made an unscheduled visit to Kyiv on Thursday as the Biden administration announced major new military aid worth more than USD 2 billion for Ukraine and other European countries threatened by Russia.

In meetings with senior Ukrainian officials, Blinken said the Biden administration had notified Congress of its intent to provide USD 2 billion in long-term Foreign Military Financing to Ukraine and 18 of its neighbours, including NATO members and regional security partners, that are "most potentially at risk for future Russian aggression.

Pending expected congressional approval, about USD 1 billion of that will go to Ukraine and the rest will be divided among Albania, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Greece, Kosovo, Latvia Lithuania, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia, the State Department said.

It will go to help those countries "deter and defend against emergent threats to their sovereignty and territorial integrity" by enhancing their military integration with NATO and countering "Russian influence and aggression,"



the department said.

'This assistance demonstrates yet again our unwavering commitment to Ukraine's future as a democratic, sovereign, and independent state, as well as the security of allies and partners across the region," it said.

Foreign Military Financing, or FMF, allows recipients to purchase US-made defense equipment, often depending on their specific needs.

The financing comes on top of a USD 675 million package of heavy weaponry, ammunition and armoured vehicles for Ukraine alone that Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin announced earlier on Thursday at a conference in Ramstein,

That package includes howitzers, artillery munitions, Humvees, armoured ambulances, anti-tank systems, and more.

increasingly cut back deliveries to

Europe through existing pipelines. Gazprom said last week that the par-

allel Nord Stream 1 pipeline — the

main source of Russian gas sent to

Germany — would remain closed, cit-

ing what it said was a need for urgent

maintenance work to repair key components. The Kremlin has blamed

Western sanctions for blocking such



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2022/ CET 2022 for MBA. The candidate should have secured minimum marks as given below:

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2	B.Tech. (CST)	6	88	15	
3	B.TechAI&ML*	6/18	88		
4	B.Tech. Al &DS*	6/18	88		
5	B.Tech. (IT)	18	85		
6	B.Tech. (ITE)	6	85		
7	B.Tech (ECE)*	18/6	80		
8	B.Tech (EEE)*	18/6	75		
9	B.Tech. (MAE)	6	70		
10	B.Tech. (ME)	6	70		
11	B.Tech. (LE)	11	60		
12	BBA	6	80		
13	MBA	18	60	2	

Admission will be done as per the rules, regulations & guidelines of GGSIPU and Delhi Government and will be provisional subject to the final approval of the competent authority. The application forms will be available in the institute from September 9 to 12 between 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon. The last date to submit the completed form at the institute is September 28, 2022 latest by 4:00 P.M. The candidates may visit our website i.e.

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CIN: L70100DL2003PLC118413 Website: www.svphousing.com
Email Id: info@svphousing.com Phone: 011-41070148 NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### AND E-VOTING

Notice is hereby given that the 19th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Members of the Company will be held on Friday, 30th September, 2022 at 11:00 a.m., at A-3 NDSE Part- 1. New Delhi 110049, to transact the business as stated in the Notice thereof.

In compliance with Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, as amended by Companies (Management & Administration) Rules 2015 the Company is pleased to provide Remote e-voting facility to the Members enabling them to cast their vote electronically for all the resolutions as set out in the AGM Notice dated 06th September 2022, through the e-voting services provided by National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL).

Copies of the Notice convening AGM along with attendance slip and proxy form have been sent to all the Members of the Company through electronic means to those Members whose Email IDs are registered with the Company / Depository Participants. In case of other Members i.e. Members not having Registered Email ID, as per the requirement of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 as amended by Companies (Management & Administration) Rules 2015, physical copies of the above documents will be sent through the permitted mode at the registered address of the Members and same will be completed till

#### All the Members are hereby informed that: -

- The remote e-voting period commences on Tuesday, 27th September, 2022, 9:00 a.m. and ends on Thursday, 29th September, 2022, 5:00 p.m. Remote e-voting shall not be allowed beyond 5:00 P.M. 29th September, 2022. The e-voting module shall be disabled by NSDL for voting thereafter. Once the vote on the resolution is casted by the Member, the Member shall not be allowed to change it subsequently.
- In case of any person becoming the member of the Company after 2nd September 2022 or before the cut-off date i.e. 23rd September 2022 ( to whom the AGM Notice has not been dispatch)become the member of the company may write an email to evoting@nsdl.co.inor helpdesk@nsdl.co.in by mentioning the Folio NO/ DP ID or Client ID for obtaining login ID and password for e-voting. Further, if the Member is already registered with NSDL remote e-voting platform, then he can use existing User ID and Password for casting the vote through remote e-voting
- (iii) Members may note that: -

Place: New Delhi

- (a) The facility for voting through polling paper shall be made available at the AGM
- (b) The Members who have casted their vote by remote e-voting prior to the AGM may also attend the AGM, but shall not be entitled to cast their vote again
- (iv) The Notice of AGM is available on the Company's website i.e. www.svphousing.com

The Board of Directors have appointed M/s Ankit Singhal & Associates, Company Secretaries, New Delhi as Scrutinizer for conducting the voting / poll and remote e-voting process in a fair and transparent manner.

Members are requested to read the instructions pertaining to e-voting as printed in the AGM Notice carefully. In case of any queries, you may refer to the Frequently Asked Questing (FAQs) for Shareholders and remote e-voting user manual for Shareholders available at the Downloads sections of www.evoting.nsdl.com or contact NSDL through e-mail at evoting@nsdl.co.in amitv@nsdl.co.in or on Toll Free No.: 1800-222-990 / Telephone No.: 022-2499 4360.

To support green initiative. Members who have not registered their email addresses so far or who want to update their email address. are requested to approach their respective DP (for electronic holding) or Big Share Services Pvt. Ltd/ Company (for physical holding) for receiving all communications electronically.

For SVP Housing Limited

(Vijay Kumar) **Managing Director** 

Place: New Delhi Date: 8 September, 2022 **Company Secretary** 

For OK Play India Limited

#### stay for Nord Stream 2 pipeline firm extended Bankruptcy notice published Thursday in the Swiss court has granted the oper-Swiss Official Gazette of Commerce. Aating company for the never-opened Nord Stream 2 pipeline, The company, a subsidiary of Russia's

Gazprom, is based in Zug.

Zelensky's presidential advis-

German Chancellor Olaf Scholz's government halted the certification process for the pipeline on Feb. 22, after Russia recognized the independence of two separatist regions in eastern Ukraine and two days before Moscow launched its invasion. U.S.



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Notice is hereby given to the General Public on behalf
of our client that Mr. Narender Kaushik is the owner of
Built up Property No. A-31/120-A, area measuring 100
Sq., Yds., out of Khasra No. 353, Situated at Mata Mandin Marg, Mauj Pur, Illaga Shahdara, Delhi vide a Relinguish ment Deed dated 07.01.2020, Registered as Doc No. 87 All persons are hereby informed that above mentioned owner wants to sell the said property to a person who intends to obtain loan from our client against the said property, if anybody has any objection/s upon the

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This is to informed public at large that my clients Shri Pradeep 5/o Late Shri Ram Swarup, R/o H.No. 529, Block-3, Dakshinpuri, Ambedkar Nagar, New Delhi-110062, has severed their all relations with their Daughter and Son, Ms. Mansi @ Mansi Samwal D/o Pradeep, both resident of H.No. 529, Block-3, Dakshinpuri, Ambedkar Nagar, New Delhi-110062 as they are not under control of my clients, therefore, my client debar/disowned them from their all movable and immovable properties/ obligations. Anyone dealing with them in future in any manner shall do so their own risk and consequences and my client shall not be responsible for any acts, deeds and things done by them.

Ranjana Kumari (Advocate)
Reg. No D/193/2013 कार्यालय नगर निगम, हरिद्वार

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Notice of 33rd Annual General Meeting,

**Book Closure and Remote E-Voting information** 

NOTICE is hereby given that the 33" Annual General Meeting ('AGM') of the members of OK Play India Limited will be held through Video Conferencing ('VC") / Other Audio Visual

neans ("OAVM") on Thursday, the 29th day of September, 2022 at 12.30 p.m. to transact

the Ordinary and Special Business, as set out in the Notice of AGM. The Notice of the

Meeting, Annual Report for the financial year ended March 31, 2022 and remote e-voting

details have been sent in electronic mode to all the members whose e-mail IDs are

egistered with the Company/RTA/Depository. The date of completion of email of the

n case you have not registered your email ID with the Company/ Depository, please follow

pelow instructions to register your email ID for obtaining annual report for FY 2021-22 and

hysical Holding: Send a request to Registrar and Transfer Agents of the Company, MAS

ervices Limited at info@masserv.com providing Folio number, Name of the shareholder

PAN Card), AADHAR (Self attested scanned copy of Aadhar Card) for registering email

Please send your bank detail with original cancelled cheque to our RTA (i.e. MAS Services Limited, T-34, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Okhla Industrial Area, Phase-II, New Delhi-110020) along with

Demat Holding: Please contact your Depository Participant (DP) and register your e-ma address as per the process advised by DP. Please also update your bank detail with your DP.

hese documents are also available on Company's website www.okplay.in for download

by the members. Notice is hereby given in compliance with the provisions of Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with the Companies (Management and Administration)

Rules, 2014 as amended and Regulation 44 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosur

Requirements) Regulations, 2015 that the Company has offered e-voting facility for

transacting all the business by National Depository Services (India) Limited (NDSL)

hrough their portal www.evoting.nsdl.com to enable the members to cast their votes ectronically. The remote e-voting period commences on Monday, September 26, 2022

09:00 a.m.) and ends on Wednesday, September 28, 2022 (05:00 p.m.). During this

period members of the Company, holding shares either in physical form or in dematerialized form, as on the cut-off date of September 22, 2022, may cast their vote by

mote e-voting. Any person, who acquires shares and becomes member of the Compan

after dispatch of the notice and holding shares as of the cut-off date i.e. September 22.

2022, may obtain the login ID and password by sending a request at evoting@nsdl.co.in or

RTA, MAS Services Limited at info@masserv.com. Members facing any technical issue i

login can contact NSDL helpdesk by sending a request at evoting@nsdl.co.in or call at toll

ree no.: 1800 1020 990 and 1800 22 44 30. However, if the members are already

registered with NSDL for remote e-voting then they can use their existing user ID and

password for casting their vote. The remote e-voting module shall be disabled by NSDL for

voting thereafter. Once the vote on a resolution is cast by the member, the member shall not be allowed to change it subsequently. The facility for voting through e-voting shall be

nade available at the AGM and the members who have cast their vote by remote e-voting prior to the AGM may also attend the AGM but shall not be entitled to cast their vote again

Mr. Puneet Kumar Pandey, Practicing Company Secretary (Membership No. A29848 & CF

No.10913) has been appointed as Scrutinizer for the e-voting process. The detaile

rocedure for remote e-voting is contained in the the Notice of the AGM. Any

query/grievance relating to e-voting may be addressed to Ms. Meenu Goswami, Company Secretary, OK Play India Limited, Plot No. 17-18,Roz-ka-Meo, Industrial Estate, Tehsil-Nuh,District-Mewat,Haryana-122103, Email: meenu.goswami@okplay.in.

NOTICE is also hereby given pursuant to Section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013, Rule 10 of the Companies (Management & Administration) Rules, 2014 and Regulation 42 of SEBI

Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 that the Register of

the Members and Share Transfer Books of the Company will remain closed from September 23, 2022 to September 29, 2022 (both days inclusive) for the purpose of

aking record of the shareholders at the Annual General Meeting

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n Israeli strike on a Syrian airport tore

An Israeli strike on a syrian ango.

Alarge craters in three spots on the facility's runway, again closing the airfield after a strike days earlier also halted traffic, satellite images analysed on Thursday by The Associated Press show. The strike on Tuesday on Aleppo

International Airport comes as Israel con-

tinues to strike what it describes as Iranian weapons shipments into Syria to support its long-embattled President Bashar Assad in his country's grinding war. The satellite images from Planet Labs PBC taken on Wednesday show the airport's single east-west runway bore three

new craters. Vehicles and workers surrounded the two of the craters while the one furthest east had no traffic near it. Images taken earlier Wednesday morning also showed a fire burning and smoke

rising from the grasslands just south of the airport at part of its military complex there. A photo later taken after 2pm showed the fire had apparently stopped burning, though it had charged much of the grass-

was connected to the Israeli strike. Syria, like many Middle East nations, has dual-use airports that include civilian and military sides. Flights at the airport

have been disrupted by the attack. A crater left after an August 31 attack by Israel on the airport appeared filled by

In a statement on Wednesday, Syria's

Foreign Ministry said the attack caused

directed his administration to impose

sanctions on the operating company.

The pipeline project had long drawn resistance from Ukraine and

eastern European countries, as well as bipartisan opposition in the United

operating company said it had dis-

missed all its employees in Zug -

At the beginning of March, the

serious "material damage to the airport runway and put it out of service.

Israel, "with this dangerous escalation, are once again threatening peace and security in the region, endangering and terrifying the lives of civilians, and threatening the safety of civil aviation in Syria and the region," the ministry said.

Israel has not acknowledged the attack which Syrian officials described as coming from missiles fired over the Mediterranean Sea west of its port city of Latakia. Israel has said it will target Iranian

weapons shipments to Syria, targeted as part of a long running shadow war between Tehran and Israel. Iran, as well as Lebanon's allied Hezbollah militant group, has been crucial

began in his country amid the 2011 Arab Syrian passenger flights between

Aleppo and Damascus, the country's two largest cities, only resumed in February 2020 after years of war.

The strike comes as tensions across the wider Mid-east remain high as negotiations over Iran's tattered nuclear deal with world powers hang in the balance.

#### Austrian diplomat tipped to head sensitive **UN** rights office



United Nations chief Antonio Guterres has proposed a veteran Austrian diplomat to head the global body's human rights office at a time when it is facing harsh criticism from China for accusing Beijing of abuses against Muslim minorities.

The proposal circulated to member states late Wednesday of Volker Tuerk, currently undersecretary-general for policy in Guterres' office, needs to be approved by the U.N. General Assembly.

Tuerk, who spent many years working for the UN refugee agency, would succeed Michelle Bachelet of Chile as High Commissioner for Human Rights, based in

Bachelet's term ended in August with the release of a highly anticipated report on human rights in China's western region of Xinjiang. The report accused Beijing of serious human rights violations against Uyghurs and other mostly Muslim ethnic groups that may amount to "crimes against humanity."

China blasted the report, accusing the U.N. Rights office of fabrication and allowing itself to be used by Western nations.

### Turkish wildfire brought under control after 1,000 evacuated

**AP** ■ ANKARA

Firefighters brought a wildfire in southern Turkey under control on Thursday, a day after more than 1,000 people were evacuated from homes and hotels, officials said. The fire broke out on

Wednesday in the district of Gulnar in the Mediterranean coastal province of Mersin and spread to parts of the nearby district of Silifke, fanned by strong winds. At least 29 water-dropping

helicopters, 11 planes and about 850 personnel were involved in efforts to extinguish the blaze, according to Turkey's disaster and emergency management agency, AFAD.

Hundreds of homes and at least two hotels were evacuated as a precaution, the agency said. At least eight people were hospitalised due to the fire, one

in serious condition, Health Minister Fahrettin Koca said on Twitter. Deputy Agriculture and Forestry Ministry Veysel Tiryaki said around 1,500 hectares (3,700 acres) of forest was burned before the blaze was contained. A highway linking Mersin

to the nearby province of Antalya was closed temporarily but was reopened on Thursday, the state-run Anadolu Agency reported.

Last summer, blazes that were fed by strong winds and scorching temperatures tore through forests in Turkey's Mediterranean and Aegean regions, killing at least eight people and countless animals.

The government came under criticism for its inadequate response and preparedness to fight large-scale wildfires, including a lack of modern firefighting planes.

#### Iranian diplomats leave embassy in Albania after expulsion



the last staff of the Iranian L Embassy in Tirana have left the building after they were given 24 hours to leave Álbania over a major cyberattack that the Albanian government blames on

It is the first known case of a country cutting diplomatic relations over a cyberattack.

The last two embassy cars with about 10 passengers left the compound Thursday near noon after much movement inside the building overnight.

Albanian special police forces and officers were seen surrounding the compound, which still flew the Iranian flag, immediately after the Iranians left.

Iranian embassy staff in the Albanian capital worked through the night after they were given 24 hours to leave the country over a major cyberattack that the Albanian government blames on Iran.

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#### Another US Cong delegation in Taiwan amid tensions wen, whose administration

Another US congressional delegation is visiting Taiwan as tensions with China remain high over its claims to the self-governed island.

A steady stream of US visitors has come to meet with Taiwanese officials since US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi visited in early August. China in response has stepped up its military harassment of Taiwan, sending warships, warplanes and drones toward the island

Led by Florida Democrat Stephanie Murphy, the delegation met Thursday with Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-

China has relentlessly sought to deprive of diplomatic recognition and participation in international organisations. Referring to China's military threats, Tsai said the del-

egation's visit "conveys rock solid support for Taiwan from the US Congress.

"Taiwan will not bow to pressure or coercion," Tsai said. "We will defend our democratic institutions and way of life. Taiwan will not back down.'

Murphy replied that Congress "should advocate for greater Taiwanese participation in international organi-

# CRISIS-HIT SRI LANKA APPOINTS 37 JUNIOR MINISTERS, INCLUDING OUSTED PREZ'S NEPHEW

🗖 ri Lanka on Thursday appointed 37 junior ministers, including the nephew of former presidents Gotabaya and Mahinda Rajapaksa, as President Ranil Wickremesinghe went for a major expansion to provide a stable government to tackle the island nation's worst-ever economic crisis.

Sri Lanka is going through its worst economic crisis since its independence in 1948 which was triggered by a severe paucity of foreign exchange reserves, leaving the country of 22 million people scrambling for

The majority of the junior ministers or lawmakers appointed in the ministers of state rank were from the ruling Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) party.

A few also included the former president Maithripala Sirisena's Sri Lanka Freedom



Party (SLFP), which decided to stay away during the government formation in July.

"New state ministers (were) sworn in before the president at the presidential secretariat," the president's media division

While lawmakers Ranjith Siyambalapitiya and Shehan Semasinghe were sworn in as state ministers in the finance ministry, Shasheendra Rajapaksa, the nephew of

Gotabaya and Mahinda

Rajapaksa, was the other

notable inclusion, appointed in the irrigation ministry. Thursday's flurry of

appointments notwithstand-President Wickremesinghe's dreams of forming an all-party govern-ment to tackle the island crisis is still far from a reality.

As he presented the interim budget for 2022 in Parliament in his capacity as the minister of finance last month, Wickremesinghe said: "I reiterate the invitation to all the parties represented in this Parliament to join an all-party government.

Since this unprecedented situation is the responsibility of us all, and therefore need to prioritise the necessities of the

Wickremesinghe assumed office after his predecessor Gotabaya Rajapaksa fled Sri Lanka following mass protests in July and then resigned.

Earlier this month, Sri Lanka secured a staff-level agreement for a USD 2.9 billion bailout from the International Monetary Fund (IMF), even as the country had an arduous task to restructure its debt with its creditors, including

## 8 injured in bomb blast in Pakistan's Balochistan province

At least eight people were injured in a bomb blast in Pakistan's restive Balochistan province, police said.

The incident took place on Wednesday night at Quetta's Mecongi road when an unidentified person on a motorcycle lobbed a hand grenade at a shop, they said.

Eight persons were injured in the attack. The injured were rushed to civil hospital.

The blast also smashed the glasses of the shop. Panic prevailed in the area after the blast, police said.

The volatile Balochistan province regularly witnesses attacks on security personals, installations and citizens. However, there has been a drop in terror attacks in the last one month due to the torrential rains and flash floods which have left many areas submerged

According to Quetta-based senior journalist Wahid Baloch, the destruction caused by the rains and floods had put a halt to terror activities in the province for the last month but

the resumption of the terror attacks "appeared to be an attempt of the militants to remind everyone that we are

He said people are already struggling living in tents and short on essential supplies and these terror attacks will only make their life more miserable.

Abdul Haq Umrani, a senior police official, said that due to the flood situation in the province they did not had to deal with militancy for a while now, "but we all knew that this was just a temporary phase".

Over 300 people were

killed due to flood-related incidents in Balochistan. Many highways and railway tracks connecting Quetta and other major cities like Gwadar to the rest of Pakistan were also cut off due to the damage and destruction caused by the

livestock, feed and agriculture. According to the provincial Disaster Management Authority, thousands of people in the province have been left homeless as the floods washed away or destroyed entire villages and even houses in towns

floods, which also destroyed

## UK Government to cap domestic energy prices, announces UK PM Truss

British Prime Minister Truss said Thursday that her government will cap domestic energy prices for homes and businesses to ease a cost-of-living crisis that has left people and businesses across the UK facing a bleak winter. Truss told lawmakers

in Parliament that the two-year "energy price guarantee" means average household bills will be no more than 2,500 pounds (\$2,872) a year for heating and electricity. Bills had been due to

rise to 3,500 pounds

(\$4,000) pounds a year from October, triple the cost of a year ago. Bills are skyrocketing because of Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the economic aftershocks of COVID-19 and Brexit.

"We are supporting this country through this winter and next and tackling the root causes of high prices so we are never in the same position again," Truss told lawmakers. Business and public institutions like hospitals and schools

will also get support, but for six months rather than two years. The government says the cap will cut the UK's soaring inflation rate by 4 to 5 percentage points. Inflation hit 10.1% in July

The government hasn't said how much the price cap will cost, but estimates have put it at over 100 billion pounds (\$116 billion). Truss has rejected opposition calls to impose a windfall tax on oil companies' profits. The cap will be paid for out of Treasury funds and by borrowing. The opposition Labour Party says that means British taxpayers will have to foot the bill.

Labour energy spokesman Ed Miliband accused Truss of rejecting a windfall levy "purely on the basis of dogma".

The announcement, on Truss's second full day in office, comes after a summer in which the government refused to say how it would respond. Former Prime Minister Boris Johnson was not able to make major decisions after announcing in July that he would resign. Truss, who won the Conservative Party contest to replace Johnson as leader, declined to announce her plans before she was in office.

Truss, a free-market conservative, has said she favours tax cuts over handouts, but has been forced to act by the scale of the crisis. The invasion of Ukraine has caused an energy crisis across Europe. Russia has choked off the supplies of cheap natural gas that the continent depended on for years to run factories, generate electricity and heat homes

## Australian Senate backs 43% greenhouse gas reduction by 2030 tion processes.

Australia's Senate on Thursday voted to ensure the government's elevated target of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 43% below 2005 levels by the end of the decade is enshrined in law.

The Senate passed legislation supporting the target in a vote of 37 to 30 even though several senators who supported it wanted a more ambitious 2030 target.

The center-left Labor Party government officially committed Australia to the 43% target after it came to power for the first time in nine years at May elections. But entrenching it in law would make it more difficult for any future govern-

ment to reduce the target. Climate Change and Energy Minister Chris Bowen said the Senate vote provided certainty to clean energy investors while strengthening transparency and accountability in Australia's carbon reduc-

The message to investors is that Australia is open for Bowen told

The conservative opposition party voted against the bill. The opposition has advocated since 2015 a target of reducing emissions by between 26% and

Independent senator David Pocock insisted on several amendments touching on transparency and accountability before he supported the bill. These have yet to be passed

House the Representatives, which had already passed the original bill. But unlike the Senate, the

government holds a majority in the House which ensures the amendments will become law.

Greens party senators supported the 43% ambition although their proposed amendments to increase the target to at least 75% and ban future Australian coal and gas projects were defeated.

### Gloves off, Biden embraces tough tone on 'MAGA Republicans'

In recent days, President Joe Biden has sharpened his attacks against Donald Trump and the so-called MAGA Republicans for posing a threat to democracy. He's likened the philosophy undergirding the dominant strain of the modern-day GOP to "semi-fascism." And Democrats are taking notice. The gloves-off, no-holds-barred approach from Biden as of late has emboldened Democrats across the country, rallying the party faithful ahead of the November elections even as his harshest rhetoric makes some vulnerable incumbents visibly uncom-

Biden's increasingly stark warnings about Trump-fueled elements of the Republican Party are making up the core part of his midterm message, combined with repeated reminders to voters about recent Democratic accom-

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American people. But it's the blistering statements from Biden about his predecessor and adherents of the "Make America Great Again" philosophy that have given many Democrats a bolt of fresh energy as they campaign to keep control of Congress.

"It's a particularly strong issue for our base," said Sen. Gary Peters of Michigan, who leads the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, the official campaign arm of Senate

plishments and a promise that democracy can still produce results for the

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Notice is hereby given that Poonamit Kaur & Paramjeet Singh are the owners of Entire First Floor of Property bearing No. 10/128, Area Measuring 73 Sq., Yds., situated at Malviya Nagar, New Delhi-110017 by virtue of regd. Git Deed dated 31.1.2022 (document no. 10738) executed by Change Singh.

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All person's having any claim against or in respect of the said Property, or any part thereof, by way of sale, exchange, mortgage (equitable/registered or otherwise), gift, trust, inheritance, family arrangement, maintenance, bequest, partnership, possession, lease, sublease, tenancy, license, lien, charge, piedge, easement or otherwise howsoever, are hereby requested to notify the same in writing to us with supporting documentary evidence at the address mentioned bellow within 7 days from the date hereof, failing documentary evidence at the address mentioned below within 7 days from the date hereof, failing which the claim or claims, if any, of such person or persons will be considered to have been waived and/or abandoned. **Kamal Kant Gupta (Advocate)**. Shop No. 5 & 6, Pkt-E, CSC, Mayur Vihar-II.

### CROSS COUNTRY HOTELS LIMITED Regd. Off.: Cross Country Heritage Hotel, Mukand Garh Fort, Mukundgarh, Jhunjhunu, Rajast India-333 705 CIN: L55101RJ1990PLC013744 Email Id: sales@crosscountry.co.in

Website: www.crosscountry.co.in Tel No. 011-65801008

Notice is hereby given that 32\*\* Annual General Meeting of Members of the company has been fixed for Friday, the 30\*\* day of September, 2022 at 11.00 A.M. at Shri Ashtavinayak Dham, Dundlod road Railway Station Mukandgarh Dist. Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan to transact the business detailed in the Notice of the Meeting, which was dispatched to the members individually.

Pursuant to Section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013 and rules made there under and Clause

16 of the Listing Agreement with Stock Exchange, Notice is also given that the Register o Members and Share Transfer Register shall remain closed from Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022 to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2022 (both days inclusive) for the purpose of the Annua General Meeting. By the order of the Board For Cross Country Hotels Limited (Ishan Rai Juneja) Place: New Delhi Date: 09.09.2022 DIN: 06410313



e-Tender Notice

The office of the Executive Engineer (M), UJVN Ltd. Chilla invites

sealed tenders from interested firms following details. Tender No. 22/EEM/2022-23 Name of work: Annual Maintenance work of Unit no.1, 3 & 4 and

Major Maintenance work of unit no. 2 of Chila Power House 2. Estimated Cost: ₹4,76,15,000.00 (GST extra)

3. Date of availability of tender document: 08-09-2022 at 16:00 Hrs.

4. Last Date of Receipt of tender: 29-09-2022 at 16:00 Hrs For fuller and further details kindly visit our website e-procurement Portal uktenders.gov.in.

Executive Engineer (M) "Avoid wasteful use of Electricity

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Regional Office: LDA Colony, B2/B70 Kanpur Road, Near Phoneix Mall, Lucknow. Branch Office: 3rd Floor

#### 139-141 Mangal Pandey Nagar Opposite CCS University Meerut Uttar Pradesh 250002 Disposal of Secured Assets under Private Treaty, as provided under Rule 8(5)(d) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 Particulars of which are given below:-

In exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (4) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (herein after referred to as "SARFAESI Act") and Rule 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 (hereinafter referred to as "Rules") for the purpose of recovering the secured debts, the authorized officer of the secured creditor M/s Mahindra Rural Housing Finance Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as "MRHFL") has decided to sell the secured asset (immoveable property), the possession of which had been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditor under S. 13 (4) of SARFAESI Act, described herein below on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IT IS BASIS" and the public and all concerned including the concerned borrowers/mortgagors, their representatives, as the case may be are hereby informed that the secured asset listed below

will be sold, particulars of which are given below:				
Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and	Description of the Immovable property	Offer Amount	
LAN: 634551/XSEMMER00524294	Amount	(Secured Assets)	Received	
Branch: MEERUT  Borrower: NARENDRA  Address-S/O DAL SINGH , H.NO. 4 CC Shatabdi	3-Dec-20 RS. 6,80,875/-	Plot No.179, Khasra No.64/1 Mohala-Shri Ram Garden, Vill	Rs. 3,00,000/- (RUPEES THREE LAKH ONLY)	
Nagar, Rithani , Meerut Up 250103 Co-Borrower: GEETA DEVI At: W/O Narendra Dhama , Vill- Aasifabad Narang Pur Meerut UP 250406 ( 2N Address ) W/O Narendra		Dungrawali Dist. Meerut Pin Code-250103, North - Land Of Pipeline , South- Pramod Chairman , East - Road, West		
Dhama H.No. 4 CC Shatabdi Nagar Rithani Meerut UP	22-Jun-21	Chairman , case Roda, west		

- 1. MRHFL acting through its Authorized Officer has now received offers to buy the same (offer amount is tabulated in the table above), and we intend to accept it, interalia considering the fact that the previous public auction held was unsuccessful. To Participate in Auction intended bidder has to deposit 10 % of the Reserve Price. 3. The detail terms and conditions of the auction sale are incorporated in the prescribed tender form. Tender forms are available of
- www.mahindraruralhousingfinance.com as well as above branch office. The sale will be subject to terms and conditions mentione 4. For further details, contact the Authorised Officers, DEEP JOSHI /8853265434. Last date of submission of sealed offers in the prescribed tender forms along with EMD is 27 - Sept - 2022 Time 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the branch office address mentioned herein above. Tenders that are not filled up properly or tenders received beyond last date will be considered as invali
- tender and shall accordingly be rejected. No interest shall be paid on the EMD. 5. Date of opening of the offers for Property is 29 - Sept - 2022 Time 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the above mentioned branc office address at the tender will be opened in the presence of the Authorised Officer.

6. Date of inspection of the immovable property is 26-Sept - 2022 Time 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

7. The Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) are hereby given 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002 to pay the sum mentioned as above before the date of Auction failing which the offer received will be accepted and the immovable property will be auctioned and balance, if any, will be recovered with interest and costs. If the Borrower pays the mount due to Mahindra Rural Housing Finance Ltd., in full before the date of sale, auction is liable to be stopped

8. The immovable property will be sold to the highest tendered. However, the undersigned reserves the absolute discretion to allo inter se bidding, if deemed necessary. Place :- DELHI,NCR, MEERUT Date:-09.09.2022 Sd/- Authorised Officer Mahindra Rural Housing Finance Lii

#### Queen Elizabeth II under medical care amid health fears

 $B_{\text{Queen Elizabeth II is under medical}}^{\text{uckingham Palace said Thursday that}}$ supervision because doctors are "concerned for Her Majesty's health," as members of her

family travelled to be with the 96-year-old

monarch in Scotland. The announcement comes a day after

the queen cancelled a meeting of her Privy Council and was told to rest. On Tuesday, she presided over the ceremonial handover power to new Prime Minister Liz Truss at ĥer summer residence in Scotland at The palace says the queen is "comfortable" and remains at Balmoral. Her son,

Prince Charles, and grandson Prince William were travelling to be with her, offi-Truss said "the whole country will be

deeply concerned by the news from Buckingham Palace this lunchtime."

#### Police arrest Memphis man in livestreamed shootings; 4 dead Whitehaven, police spokes-**AP** MEMPHIS

Agunman who livestreamed himself driving around Memphis shooting at people, killing four and wounding three others in seemingly random attacks, was finally arrested after crashing a stolen car, police said early Thursday. The hours-long rampage

had police warning people across the city to shelter in place, locking down a baseball stadium and university campuses and suspending public bus services as frightened residents wondered where the man might strike Ezekiel Kelly, 19, a violent

felon who was released early from prison this year, was taken into custody at around 9 p.m. in the Memphis neighborhood of woman Karen Rudolph said.

Memphis Police Director Cerelyn "CJ" Davis said during news conference early Thursday that four people were killed and three others were wounded in seven shootings and at least two carjackings.

The first killing was at 12:56

m. Wednesday, and officers responded to three more crime scenes before receiving a tip at 6:12 p.m. that the suspect was livestreaming himself threatening to cause harm to citizens, Police then sent out an alert

warning people to be on the lookout for an armed and dangerous man responsible for multiple shootings and reportedly recording his actions on Facebook.

GUJARAT WATER SUPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD TENDER NOTICE NO: SK/RC/ 01 of 2022-23 **Annual Rate Contract** 547343 Supply of Three Phase Submersible Pump Sets. (from GWSSB Approved Vendors only) Supply of Single Phase Submersible Pump Sets (from GWSSB Approved Vendors only) 547507 Supply of 3 Core Flat PVC Copper Cable for Submersible Pumps (only Indian Manufacturer) ISI Marked different size of U.P.V.C cosing Pipe (from GWSSB Approved Vendors only) 547407 ISI Marked different size heavy duty G.I.Column Pipes (only Indian Manufacturer) 546984 ISI Marked different size H.D.P.E, Pipes (from GWSSB Approved Vendors only 547008 ISI Marked 32mm dla Medium Duty G.I. Pipes. (only Indian Manufacturer) ISI Marked 200mm & 250 mm dla M.S. ERW Pipes, (only Indian Manufactur 546909 Various Size of Cubical Control Panel Board (from GWSSB Approved Vendors only 547422 Cage Type Trapezoidal Shape "V" Wire Wound Low Carbon Galvanized / Stainless Steel - 304 547476 Screen Pipes (only Indian Manufacturer) Spares for Deepwell Hand pumps - Standard and Extra Deep and Tool Kits, (only Indian 547444 ISI Marked Deepwell Handpump with Normal & Telescopic stand assembly and Extra Deep 546998

Deepwell llandpump with Telescopic stand Assembly (Indian Manufacturers)
Pre-bid meeting on Dtd. 20.09,2022 at 12.00 Hrs. at GWSSD Last Date of Online Submission of Tender: 04 / 10 / 2022 Bid Opening Date: 06 / 10 / 2022 at 15.00 Hrs

Contact Office: Executive Engineer, Public Health Mechanical Store Division, A Block, Patnagar Yojana Bhavan, 2nd Floor Near GIM, Sector-16, Gandhinagar-382 016, Gujarat State. Tel/fax. No. (079) 232228'M,997fl'106605. The detailed lender notice and tender documents are available on web site. <u>www.gwssb.org</u> and <u>www.nprocure.com</u>

For Village Levtil Drinking water Complaint: Plonso Contact our Toll Free No : 1916 No/INF/VPN/2022/G/1304

(Formerly Orissa Sponge Iron Limited

**ORISSA SPONGE IRON & STEEL LIMITED** 

## (An ISO 9001 & 14001 Certified Company)

CIN: L27102OR1979PLC000819 Regd. Office: OSIL House, Gangadhar Meher Marg, Kiiti Bhubaneswar – 751024, Odisha Corporate Office: A-201, First Floor, Okhla Industrial Area, Phase-1, New Delhi - 110 020

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NOTICE OF 42<sup>MD</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, BOOK CLOSURE AND E-VOTING INFORMATION NOTICE OF 42\*\* ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, BOOK CLOSURE AND E-VOTING INFORMATION

Notice is hereby given that Forty-Second (42\*\*\*) Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of the members of Orissa Sponge Iron and

Steel Limited (the "Company") will be held on Friday, September 30, 2022, at 03:00 P.M. through Video Conferencing/other audio
visual means (VC/OAVM) only, in compliance with all the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act") and the Rules
made thereunder and the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations,
2015 read with applicable circulars issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("McA) and Securities and Exchange Board of India
("SEBI"), to transact the business as set out in the Notice of the AGM. The Notice of the 42\*\* AGM along with the Annual Report 202122, through electronic mode has sent only to those Members whose e-mail addresses are registered with the Company or Registrar
8: Share Transfer Agent and Depositories. The requirement of sending physical copies of the Notice of the AGM has been dispensed
with vide MCA Circulars and the SEBI Circular. The Annual Report 2021-22 of the Company, inter-alia, contains the Notice of the
42\*\* AGM is available on the website of the Company at http://orissasponge.com/docs/Notice%202022.pdf and on the website of
National Securities Depository Limited ("NSDL") at <a href="http://www.evoting.nsdl.com">www.evoting.nsdl.com</a>.

Remote E-Voting and joining AGM through VC/OAVM\*. In compliance with Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 (the

Remote E-Voting and Joining AGM through VC/OAVM: In compliance with Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 (the "AGM") read with rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, as amended from time to time, the Secretarial Standard on General Meetings (SS-2) issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India and Regulation 44 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the Company is providing to its Members the facility

of remote e-Voting before as well as during the AGM in respect of the business to be transacted at the AGM and for this purpose the Company has appointed NSDL for faciliting voting through electronic means.

The detailed instructions for remote e-Voting and joining AGM are given in the Notice of the AGM. Members are requested to

The remote e-Voting will commence from 09:00 A.M. (IST) on Tuesday, September 27, 2022 and end at 05:00 P.M. (IST) or Thursday, September 29, 2022. The remote e-Voting module shall be disabled thereafter by NSDL for voting. The voting rights of the Members shall be in proportion to their share of the paid-up capital of the Company as on Friday September 23, 2022 ("Cut-off" date).

The facility of remote e-Voting system shall also be made available during the AGM and the Members attending the Meeting who have not already cast their vote by remote e-Voting shall be able to exercise their right during the Meeting. A persor whose name is recorded in the Register of Members/Register of Beneficial Owners as on the Cut-Off date shall be entitled to avail the facility of remote e-Voting before/during the AGM

Any person who acquires shares of the Company and becomes a Member of the Company after dispatch of the Notice and holds shares as on the Cut-Off date, may obtain the login-id and password for remote e-Voting by sending a request at evoting@nosdl.co.in or may contact on toll free number 1800-222-990, as provided by NSDL. A person who is not a Member as on the Cut-off date should treat the Notice of the AGM for information purpose only. Members who have cast their vote by remote e-Voting prior to the meeting may also attend the meeting electronically, but

shall not be entitled to vote again.

The same login credentials for e-Voting, may also be used for attending the AGM through VC/OAMV

The Company has appointed Mr. Amit K Mangla, Practicing Company Secretary (Membership No. FCS 11450, Practicing No. 23164), Proprietor of M/s. Amit K Mangla, & Company, Practising Company Secretaries, to act as the Scrutinizer for conducting the e-voting process in a fair and transparent manner. The Scrutinizer will submit his report to the Chairman / or a person as may be authorized by the Chairman, within 48 hours of the conclusion of AGM. The voting results of the voting conducted for 42<sup>nd</sup> AGM along with scrutinizer's Report will be made available on the website of the Company at www.orssasponge.com and on the website of NSDL at www.evoting.nsdl.com REGISTRATION OF E-MAIL ADDRESS: Members who have not yet registered their e-mail addresses are requested to their email address. Member holding shares in demat form are requested to update the same with their Depository Par or to Skyline Financial Services Private Limited ("RTA") for members holding shares in physical form.

In case of any queries, grievances connected with remote e-Voting, you may refer to the Frequently Asked Questions and e-Voting user manual for shareholders available at the "Downloads" section of <a href="www.evoting.nsdl.com">www.evoting.nsdl.com</a> or call on toll free no.: 1800 1020 990 and 1800 22 44 30 or send a request to Ms. Pallavi Mhatre, Senior Manager at <a href="www.evoting.nsdl.com">evoting.nsdl.com</a> or read a request to Ms. Pallavi Mhatre, Senior Manager at <a href="www.evoting.nsdl.com">evoting.nsdl.com</a> in Further, the shareholders may also write to Mr. Darpan Sharma, Company Secretary at email Id corporate@orissasponge.com</a>. The members are requested to carefully read all the notes set out in the notice of 42nd AGM and in particular, instructions for joining AGM through VC/OAVM, manner of casting vote through remote e-voting.

**BOOK CLOSURE:** Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 91 of the Act and rules framed thereunder, the register or members and the Share Transfer Books of the Company will remain closed from 24.09.2022 to 30.09.2022 (both days inclusive for the purpose of holding 42<sup>nd</sup> AGM. For Orissa Sponge Iron and Steel Limited

**Darpan Sharm** Company Secretary and Compliance Officer

Place: New Delhi

Date: September 08, 2022

## **Sensex, Nifty rebound** around 1% amid global recovery in equities

PTI MUMBA

 $B_{1}^{\text{enchmark stock indices rebounded around}}_{1\text{ per cent on Thursday following value buying in banking, IT}_{1}^{\text{enchmark stock}}$ of losses and a largely positive trend in global

The 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 659.31 points or 1.12 per cent to settle at 59,688.22. During the day, it jumped 683.05 points or 1.15 per cent to 59,711.96.

The broader NSE Nifty rose by 174.35 points or 0.99 per cent to close at 17,798.75

Tech Mahindra, Axis Bank, ICICI Bank, Mahindra & Mahindra, Bharti Airtel, State Bank of India, UltraTech Cement, Bajaj Finserv, IndusInd Bank and Asian Paints emerged as the biggest gainers amonf Sensex shares.

Tata Steel, NTPC, Titan, Nestle and Power Grid were the laggards.

The domestic financial markets experienced a wave of optimism tracking strength across global markets as oil prices eased, cooling investor concerns about rising inflation. Despite premium valuations, consistent FII inflows are aiding Indian bourses to stay



resilient," Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

Elsewhere in Asia, markets in Seoul and Tokyo ended in the green, while Shanghai and Hong Kong settled lower.

Equities in Europe were trading on a mixed note during the mid-session deals. The US markets had ended significantly higher on Wednesday. Meanwhile, the international oil benchmark Brent crude dipped 0.49 per cent to USD 87.57 per barrel. Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) were net buyers as they bought shares worth ₹758.37 crore on Wednesday, as

## 'Dwindling wage growth emerging as bigger worry'

PTI MUMBA

Even as the economic recov-dery gains momentum, dwindling wage growth is emerging as a bigger worry as this leads to tepid demand and resultant under-utilisation of capacity, further elongating the already-large output gap, according to a report.

The households, which

account for 44-45 per cent of the GVA, have witnessed their nominal wage growth declining to 5.7 per cent during FY17-FY21 from a high of 8.2 per cent during FY12-16. This means wage growth in real terms is close to just about 1 per cent, India Ratings said in a note on Thursday.

This is in spite of the overall economy growing at 13.5 per cent, much lower than consensus estimates, in the first quarter of the current fiscal. Even the recent trend in wage growth at the rural and urban levels alludes to an erosion of the purchasing power of



households. At the nominal level, wage growth in urban and rural areas was 2.8 per cent and 5.5 per cent year-on-year, respectively, but in real terms, which means adjusted for inflation, was a negative 3.7 per cent and negative 1.6 per cent in June 2022, as per the report.

Since much of consumption demand is driven by wage growth of the household sector, a recovery in their wage growth is going to be critical for a sustainable and durable recovery in private final consumption expenditure and overall GDP growth

in FY23, the report added. Since the pandemic has inflicted irreparable loss to growth, annualised growth

does not provide a true picture of the recovery due to the low base of FY21 and FY22. So, , a better way to assess the recovery in GĎP/gross value added (GVA) is to compare the growth trend taking the prepandemic period as the base.

Accordingly, GDP shows a compounded annual growth rate of just 1.3 per cent during Q1FY20 - Q1FY23 against 6.2 per cent during Q1FY17 Q1FY20. Among all the sectors, the

compounded annual growth rate of the services sector shows the sharpest decline to 1 per cent during Q1FY20-Q1FY23 from 7.1 per cent during Q1FY17-Q1FY20, implying that the recovery in the sector is still the weakest, says Paras Jasrai and analyst at the agency.

Economic activity in sectors such as industry, although progressing, it is highly uneven.

To handle inflation RBI needs to be synchronised: FM

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday said the Reserve Bank will have to be more synchronised with the fiscal policy and other factors in taming inflation.

Inflation management cannot be singularly left to the monetary policy, which has proved totally ineffective in many countries, she said at a seminar organised by economic think-tank Icrier.

"The RBI will have to synchronise somewhat, may be not as much synchronised as other western developed countries would do. I'm not prescribing anything to the Reserve Bank... I'm not giving any forward direction to the RBI but it is the truth that India's solution to handling the economy, part of which is handling inflation also is an exercise where the fiscal policy, together with the monetary policy has to work,"



There are economies where policy is designed in such a way that the monetary policy and the interest rate management is the one and the only tool to handle inflation, she said.

"I would say India's inflation management, the word taming inflation or the word keeping it within the tolerance limit is an exercise of so many different activities and majority of which is outside of the monetary policy given in today's circumstances," she said.

There could have been a time when people would have thought this is sacrilegious for the finance minister of a country to say so, she said.

## 'Digital lending rules designed to end regulatory arbitrage, protect customers'

**PTI** MUMBAI

Reserve Bank of India Governor M Rajeshwar Rao on Thursday said the recently released digital lending norms are designed to end regulatory arbitrage and protect customers.

Speaking at an event

organised by industry body Assocham, Rao said there was unbridled engagement of third parties, misselling, breach of data privacy, unethical recovery practices and exorbitant interest rates recently which led the RBI to regulate the activities. On August 10, RBI came out with digital lending norms

after extensive consultations and last week asked the industry to implement those by November this year.

Some players in the fintech industry have expressed concerns that the norms on lending will impact their operations. "The framework is designed to strike a balance

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between the need for an innovative and inclusive system while at the same time ensuring that the regulatory arbitrage is not exploited to the detriment to the customer's interest," Rao said.

He added that the norms put the onus squarely on the regulated entities on behalf of whom the apps do the lending. "... they will have to

ensure that the loan service facilitator and the digital lending apps with whom they have outsourcing tie ups, function within the regulatory ecosystem not just in letter but also in spirit," the Deputy Governor

He said going forward, the passage of a recommended legislation banning lending by unauthorised entities and creation of a self regulatory organisation for the digital lenders will help the industry.

The DG said digital lending has an important role to play in India's growth especially by supporting cash flow-based lending to small businesses.

The regulatory challenge is to ensure that innovation continues in the industry, and at the same time ensure that customer's interest is not compromised, Rao said. Rao said deepening credit is the bedrock of financial inclusion and termed

access to formal credit as a force multiplier. Having achieved successes on bank accounts - where 78 per cent of adults have a bank account now, as against 53 per cent in 2014 - we need to ensure that people take adequate credit now, which will enhance the quality of financial inclusion.

## Rupee rises 23 paise to close at 79.72 against US dollar

The rupee appreciated 23 paise to close at 79.72 (provisional) against the US dollar on Thursday amid easing crude oil prices and a firm trend in domestic equities. At the interbank forex mar-

ket, the local unit opened at 79.72 against the greenback. It witnessed an intra-day high of 79.65 and a low of 79.83

during the session. It finally ended at 79.72, up 23 paise from its previous close

The dollar index, which strength against a basket of six currencies, fell 0.11 per cent to

Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, fell 0.60 per cent to USD 87.47 per bar-



₹51,056

per 10 grams in the national capital on Thursday, according to HDFC Securities. In the previous trade, the

precious metal had closed at 50,805 per 10 grams. Silver also rallied by ₹862 to ₹54,934 per kg from ₹54,072

per kg in the previous trade. In the international market, gold was trading higher at USD 1,719 per ounce while sil-

ver was flat at USD 18.52 per

Foreign institutional | COMEX were trading 0.13 per cent up at USD 1,719 per ounce on Thursday, said Tapan Patel, Senior Analyst (Commodities) at HDFC

## Govt to acquire Vodafone Idea stake after share price stabilises at ₹10 or above

The Government will ■ acquire a stake in debt-ridden Vodafone Idea after the stock price of the company stabilises at ₹10 or above, according to an official source. Vodafone Idea (VIL) board

has offered a stake to the government at a par value of ₹10 per share. "There is a SEBI norm

that the acquisition should take place at par value. DoT will clear the acquisition after VIL shares stabilise at ₹10 or above," an official source told

VIL shares are trading below ₹10 since April 19. The to trade at ₹9.68 on BSE on

The finance ministry had cleared the proposal to acquire stake in VIL in July. Debt-ridden Vodafone

Idea (VIL) has decided to opt for converting about ₹16,000 crore of interest liability payable to the government into equity which will amount to around 33 per cent stake in the company while promoters' holding will come down from 74.99 per cent to 50 per cent.

The government has given telecom operators an option of paying the interest for four deferred spectrum instalments and AGR (adjusted gross revenue) dues by way of conversion into equity of the NPV of such interest amount. The company's total gross

debt, excluding lease liabilities and including interest accrued but not due, as of September 30, 2021, stood at ₹1,94,780

The amount comprises deferred spectrum payment obligations of ₹1,08,610 crore, AGŘ liability of ₹63,400 crore that is due to the government and debt from banks and financial institutions of ₹22,770 crore as of January 11, 2022-when it offered conversion of interest liability into equity.

At the end of the April-June 2022 quarter, VIL's total gross debt (excluding lease liabilities and including interest accrued but not due) stood at ₹1,99,080 crore, comprising obligations of ₹1,16,600 crore, AGR liabilities of ₹67,270 crore that are due to the government, and debt from banks and financial institutions of ₹15,200

#### **BUSINESS BRIEF**

SRM GIVEN 'WORLD UNION BOOK OF RECORDS' AWARD

College of Physiotherapy at SRM Medical College Hospital and Research Centre (SRM MCH& RC), Kattankulathur was awarded with the 'World Union Book of Records' for most students participating in an awareness lid

SRM College of Physiotherapy on the occasion of World Physiotherapy Day (8th September) attempted the "Longest relay run with a flaming torch" from SRM Amaravati campus in Andhra Pradesh to SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST). Kattankulathur. Adjudicatory of World Union Book of Records Christopher awarded the World Union Book of Records citation to the students who participated in this run. Titled ROM (Resounding Overnight Momentous) 2022: THE PHYSIO RUN, the mega-event consists of about 70 physiotherapy students, who ran a distance of 480 km. This event was a non-stop relay, mirroring an Olympic torch

#### WHITE PAPER ON RENEWABLE ENERGY

the status, opportunities and challenges in renewable energy in India at the 15th Crystal edition of Renewable Energy India Expo 2022 this month. Exhibitions organiser Informa Markets will host the 15th Crystal edition of Asia's largest and most prestigious expo in the RE space — Renewable Energy India Expo 2022 — from September 28 to 30 at India Expo Mart, Greater Noida

## Singtel entities offload 1.76% stake in Bharti Airtel for ₹7,128 crore

On the domestic equity market front, the BSE Sensex

ended 659.31 points or 1.12 per

cent higher at 59,688.22, while

the broader NSE Nifty gained

174.35 points or 0.99 per cent

investors (FIIs) remained net

buyers in the capital markets as

they purchased shares worth Rs

758.37 crore on Wednesday,

according to provisional data.

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Singtel entities have jointly offloaded a 1.76 per cent stake in Bharti Airtel for about Rs 7,128 crore, according to Bharti Airtel promoter

Bharti Telecom Ltd has bought a 1.63 per cent stake from Singtel entity Pastel Ltd for Rs 6,602 crore through an open market transaction. According to the bulk deal data available with the National Stock Exchange

amounting to a 1.63 per cent stake in the company. The shares were acquired at an average price of ₹686 apiece, taking the transaction value to ₹6,601.68 crore.

(NSE), Bharti Telecom pur-

chased 9,62,34,427 shares,



The shares of Bharti Airtel Ltd were sold by Pastel Ltd, a Singapore Telecommunications Ltd (Singtel). According to sources, Viridian also offloaded about 1 crore shares. "Singtel entities have joint-

ly offloaded a total of 1.76 per

cent shares on Wednesday.

Bharti Telecom has acquired 96

million shares while public has acquired around 7 million

shares offloaded by Singtel group firms. "Post this transaction,

public shareholding in Bharti Airtel will increase to 44.87 per cent from 44.74 per cent," a source aware of the development told *PTI*. Email query sent to Bharti Airtel did not elicit any reply.

At the end of the June quarter, Bharti Telecom Ltd owned a 35.85 per cent stake in the company, the shareholding pattern showed with the exchange. Bharti Group chairman Sunil Bharti Mittal's family and Singtel are co-investors in Bharti Telecom Ltd (BTL). Last week, Singtel announced that its affiliates have entered

into an agreement to transfer

approximately 3.33 per cent

#### 'Margins of domestic aluminium cos likely to contract 400-500 bps in Q2'

PTI NEW DELHI

Operating margins of the domestic primary aluminium companies are likely to shrink by 400-500 bps sequentially in the second quarter of 2022-23 due to factors like high input costs, rating agency Icra said on Thursday. "Owing to a twin onslaught

of correction in aluminium prices and elevated input costs, the estimated operating profitability of ICRA's sample set of domestic players is likely to contract sequentially by almost 400-500 bps in Q2 FY2023 compared to Q1 FY2023," Icra said in a statement. International prices of

aluminium have corrected by

around 38 per cent from the

3900/tonne US dollar in March.

While in the first quarter



of FY23 the average LME aluminium spot prices remained at USD 2,870 per tonne, the same have corrected in the second quarter of FY'23 (YTD) to around USD 2,425 per tonne.

record high of around in both global and domestic



Further, the cost of power for domestic aluminium producers continued to remain high, due to lesser supply of coal linkage to non-power sectors and high price of dry-fuel

## India to seek review of trade pact with Japan, says Goyal

PTI SAN FRANCISCO

India will seek review of its Ifree trade agreement with Japan during a meeting between Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal and his Japanese counterpart in Los Angeles on Thursday.

Nishimura Yasutoshi is the Japanese Minister of Economy Trade and Industry. In such reviews, normal-

two countries seek more market access for their respective domestic products and dering trade.

resolve issues which are hin-'I think that's quite long overdue and I am going to raise that issue with my counterpart from Japan. He has just taken

over some time back as a new



minister. So I will be taking up that issue," Goyal told reporters here when asked if a review of the free trade agreement (FTA) with Japan is on the cards.

India and Japan had implemented Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) in August 2011.

The review assumes sig-

nificance as domestic steel producers have time and again complained of surge in imports of steel products like hot-rolled steel and other variants from

liament is expected to approve the trade pact by the end of this Australia's new trade min-

Goyal said the Australian par-

On trade with Australia,

ister Don Farrell is visiting India later this month to dis-

cuss trade and other issues. "He has assured me that they are very pleased with the outcome of the Indo-Australia negotiations and the free trade agreement that we finalized, and that they (Australia) will be

putting it through parliament

wheeler (3W) segment witnessed the highest growth rate

last month posting 83.14 per cent increase at 56,313 units, up

from 30,748 units in the same

month a year ago.

Commercial vehicles (CV)

#### 'PE inflows in proptech firms up 5% at \$270 mn in Jan-Jun' Automobile retail sales in India rise 8.31% in August: FADA

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Private equity (PE) investment in proptech firms rose 5 per cent to USD 270 million during the January-June period as the adoption of technology gains momentum in the real estate sector, according to Housing.Com.

2022, the proptech companies in India received a total of USD 3.42 billion in PE funding. The PE inflow in proptech rose 35 per cent in 2021 to USD

lion in the previous year.

Between 2009 and June

owns PropTiger.Com and 741 million from USD 551 mil-Makaan.Com, the number of PE deals during January-June



The average deal size in H1 2022 stood at USD 14 million compared to USD 32 million

during the same period in 2021. The investments tracked include private equity, venture capital, debt, PIPE (Private investment in public entities), project level investments, and pre-IPO private equity deals, at the early, growth and late stage. Dhruv Agarwala, Group CEO of Housing.Com,

PropTiger.Com Makaan.Com, said: "While PropTech firms have been around in India for more than a decade and a half, of late, this space has attracted a lot of interest from investors, both domestic and overseas".

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Retail sales of automobiles in India grew 8.31 per cent in August this year on the back of increase in registrations of vehicles across all major segments, automobile dealers' body FADA said on Thursday.

As per data released by the Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA) total vehicle retail sales in the country stood at 15,21,490 units last month as compared to 14,04,704 units in August

Passenger vehicles (PV)



retail sales stood at 2,74,448 units as compared to 2,57,672 units in the year-ago month, a growth of 6.51 per cent.

Two-wheeler (2W) retail

sales also grew by 8.52 per cent at 10,74,266 units in August 2022 as against 9,89,969 units in the same month last year, it added. FADA said the three-

also witnessed a robust 24.12 per cent growth at 67,158 units as against 54,107 units in the year-ago month. FADA President Manish

Raj Singhania said August retail

sales were not encouraging and not as per expectations of dealers, who anticipated a good start to the festive season with Ganesh Chaturthi

OF MAN

Late, late show as Alcaraz beats Sinner to set US Open semi-finals against Tiafoe

**AP** ■ NEW YORK

arlos Alcaraz battled past Jannik Sinner in five sets to reach the US ✓ Open semi-finals on Thursday in the latest ever finish in the tournament's

À thrilling 5hr 15min duel that finished at 2:50am local time ended with the 19-year-old Alcaraz claiming a 6-3, 6-7 (7/9), 6-7 (0/7), 7-5, 6-3 victory to advance to a last-four showdown with Frances Tiafoe of the United States

The previous record for the latest finish to a US Open match was 2:26am, which had been set three times before. Incredibly, it was the second earlyhours-of-the-morning finish for

Alcaraz this week. The Spanish No.3 seed had edged past Croatia's Marin Cilic in another five-set epic in the fourth round in a match that finished at 2.23am local time on Tuesday.

A crowd of a few thousand diehard spectators roared their appreciation for Alcaraz as the Spaniard collapsed to the Arthur Ashe Stadium court in delight after a famous victory over Sinner, the 21-year-old Italian 11th

"Honestly, I still don't know I did it," said Alcaraz after a win which came after he survived a match point in the

"It was a high quality and unbelievable match. Jannik is a great player. His level is just amazing.

"I always say that you have to believe in yourself all the time. Hope is the last thing that you lose. I just believed in myself and believed in my



A shattered Sinner said the defeat was the hardest of his young career. "I had some tough losses for sure,

and this is in the top list," he said.
"I think this one will hurt for quite

a while but tomorrow - or today - I wake up and try to somehow take the positives but it's tough for sure."

#### **ROLLER COASTER**

Alcaraz got off to a smooth start after taking the first set 6-3, breaking Sinner twice towards the end of the set to seize an early advantage.

But Sinner showed great character to level in the second set, recovering from 5-6, 0-40 down to force a tie break.

Another hard fought battle followed in the third set, Alcaraz finally gaining the crucial advantage with a break in the 11th game to take a 6-5

Once again though Sinner remained unflustered and restored parity to force another tie break.

#### Kyrgios fined \$14,000 for US Open racquet meltdown

with only Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi ahead of him.

fifth for Barca, whose next

game will be away to

impressive 2-0 win away to

Inter Milan on Wednesday,

with Leroy Sane rounding

Andre Onana for the first-half

opener and then forcing Danilo

D'Ambrosio into a 66th-minute

Tottenham struggled to break

down Marseille in north

London until the French side

had Chancel Mbemba sent off

opener in the 76th minute,

heading in Ivan Perisic's cross,

and the Brazilian headed in

again soon after to make it 2-

Richarlison scored the

"I think we felt a bit of

pressure in this competition, but at the end we have to be

pleased," Conte said of the vic-

Also in Group D, Sporting Lisbon scored three second-

half goals to win 3-0 at

Eintracht Frankfurt, with for-

mer Spurs youngster Marcus

Edwards, Francisco Trincao

and Nuno Santos all on target.

In Group B, Antoine Griezmann headed the winner

in the 11th minute of injury

time as Atletico Madrid beat

Conte's

**RICHARLISON BRACE** 

Antonio

just after half-time.

Ferran Torres scored the

The Germans claimed an

Nick Kyrgios was fined \$14,000 on Wednesday for his spectacular double racquet smashing tantrum at the end of his US Open defeat to Karen Khachanov.

The Australian violently crushed two racquets into the surface of the Arthur Ashe Stadium

This time Alcaraz was slow to adjust and Sinner sprinted into a 6-0 lead before taking the set when an Alcaraz return drifted long.

Sinner carried his momentum into the fourth set with an early break and looked to be in control after holding to

after his five-set quarter-final loss on Tuesday.

It was Kyrgios's fifth sanction of the tournament after he was earli-er punished for bad language and

His fines totalled \$32,500 although the sum will only cause a small dent in his total prize money of \$445,000.

But Alcaraz again staged another fightback and after holding serve broke Sinner to level at 3-3 with a blistering forehand down the line.

Yet the Spaniard's grit in restoring parity went out the window when Sinner broke back immediately, Alcaraz double-faulting on break point to gift his opponent a break and a 4-3 lead. That led to Sinner serving for the match at 5-4, and it appeared as if a

thrilling duel was about to reach its con-clusion when the Italian moved to match point. But Alcaraz clawed it back to deuce with a backhand return before Sinner then double-faulted to cough up

a break point. On the next point Sinner lashed a forehand way wide to leave the score at 5-5. Alcaraz then held and broke to

force the fifth set decider. Still there was more drama in store in the fifth, with Sinner going a break up. But Alcaraz would not be denied, hitting back with two breaks to set up a remarkable win.

Tiafoe reached his first Grand Slam semi-final by seeing off Andrey Rublev 7-6 (7/3), 7-6 (7/0), 6-4 to move within two wins of becoming the first African-American man in 54 years to

### Swiatek, Sabalenka into US Open semi-finals



**AP** NEW YORK

Iga Swiatek reached her third Grand Slam semifinal of 2022 on Wednesday and first at the US Open with an error-strewn triumph over Jessica Pegula, the last remaining American woman in the tournament.

French Open champion Swiatek claimed a 6-3, 7-6 (7/4) win, her third against

Pegula this year.

In Thursday's semi-final,
the 21-year-old Pole will face Aryna Sabalenka who she has also got the better of on three occasions this sea-

World number six Sabalenka made the lastfour for a second successive year with a 6-1, 7-6 (7/4) victory over former finalist Karolina Pliskova.

"That will be a very tough match. There will be some fast serves and heavy hitting, just like tonight, said Swiatek who beat Sabalenka in Doha, Stuttgart

The Pole went onto win the titles at those events, three of her six trophies col-

On Wednesday, she from the sport.

came through a mistakeplagued quarter-final which featured 13 breaks of serve and a combined 61 unforced

"It means a lot to be in the semi-finals for the first time," said Swiatek.

"I am very happy as I have worked very hard but have kept my expectations low," said the top seed. Sabalenka reached the

semi-finals for a second successive year, fired up by the lingering and bitter aftertaste of her Wimbledon ban. Russian and Belarusian players, such as world num-ber six Sabalenka, were pre-

vented from competing at the All England Club due to the invasion of Ukraine. The ban deprived Belarus's Sabalenka of the opportunity to improve on

her semi-final run in 2021. "They took away one opportunity from me, so I worked really hard for this one," said Sabalenka.

She admitted that she made a determined effort not to watch any of this year's grass-court Grand Slam as she trained in Miami during her enforced break

## Liverpool trounced by Napoli as Lewa hits Barca hat-trick

ast season's beaten finalists Liverpool got their Champions League campaign defeat away to Napoli on Wednesday, while Robert Lewandowski hit a hat-trick in a big win for Barcelona.

Bayern Munich also got their campaigns underway with victories, but Rangers were crushed 4-0 by Ajax in the Netherlands on their return to the group phase of Europe's elite club competition. Jurgen Klopp's Liverpool

Tottenham Hotspur and

have won just two of their first six Premier League games this season and there was to be no improvement on their trip to Italy as Napoli raced into an early lead and never looked back. Piotr Zielinski converted a

fifth-minute penalty, and Victor Osimhen then had a second Napoli spot-kick saved by Alisson Becker. Yet Napoli -- who had defeated Liverpool in their own stadium in the group stage in

2018 and in 2019 -- were 3-0 up

at the break as Andre-Frank

Zambo Anguissa's fine finish was followed by a tap-in from substitute Giovanni Simeone. Liverpool fell further behind two minutes into the second half as Zielinski followed up to score after his initial effort was saved, but Luis

#### Diaz did pull a goal back. **RANGERS CRUSHED BY**

The six-time European Cup winners' next Group A outing is at home to Ajax, who could have won by more than four at home to Rangers, last season's Europa League finalists playing in the Champions League group stage for the first time since 2010.

Edson Alvarez headed Ajax in front before a Steven Berghuis shot deflected in and a superb individual strike from Mohammed Kudus made it 3-

0 to Ajax by half-time. Steven Bergwijn pounced on a poor backpass to seal the victory late on in Amsterdam, leaving Rangers manager Giovanni van Bronckhorst to





give a bleak assessment of his side's prospects

Lewandowski became the first player to score a Champions League hat-trick for three different clubs as the ex-Borussia Dortmund and Bayern star marked his first appearance in the competition

th Barcelona in style. The Catalans crushed Czech champions Viktoria

Plzen 5-1 in Group C, with

Franck Kessie heading in the

opener before Lewandowski

only for Lewandowski to score

again before half-time and then

fire in his third goal midway

Champions League goals, three

more than Karim Benzema,

through the second half.

Jan Sykora pulled one back

The Pole now has 89

made it 2-0.

In an incredible finish, Porto had Mehdi Taremi sent off late on before Mario Hermoso put Atletico ahead with a deflected 92nd-minute strike. Hermoso then conceded a

Porto 2-1.

penalty for handball, allowing Matheus Uribe to equalise in the 96th minute, only for Griezmann to have the last The only other game in Champions League history to

feature three goals scored in stoppage time was Porto's meeting with Atletico in December last year. In the same group Abakar Sylla's header was spilled over

the line by the goalkeeper to

give Club Brugge a 1-0 win

over Bayer Leverkusen.

## **Chelsea appoint Graham Potter as new manager**



**AP** ■ LONDON

Bridge.
Potter has agreed a five-year contract to take charge of the Premier League club, who praised his "progressive football and

raham Potter was appointed as Chelsea's new manager on Thursday after leaving Brighton to replace the sacked Thomas Tuchel at Stamford

innovative coaching"

RB Leipzig have appointed former Borussia Dortmund manager Marco Rose as coach, the club announced on Twitter on Thursday morning.

Domenico Tedesco on Wednesday. Rose was born in Leipzig, played for

local club Lokomotive and has continued to live in the city since being sacked by Dortmund in the summer. Rose signed a contract until 2024,

the club said.

In a quirk of the fixture list, Rose's

The 47-year-old earned widespread admiration for his work at Brighton.

He led Brighton to a ninth-place finish last season and took them up to fourth in the table this term, while demanding entertaining and tactically astute performances from his players. Potter's first game as Chelsea boss will

be a derby at west London neighbours Fulham on Saturday.

"I am incredibly proud and excited to



first match in charge of Leipzig will be at home against Dortmund on Saturday, followed by a clash with another former employer Borussia Moenchengladbach in the following round.

represent Chelsea FC, this fantastic football club," said the Englishman.

"I am very excited to partner with Chelsea's new ownership group and look forward to meeting and working with the exciting group of players and to develop a team and culture that our amazing fans can be proud of.

"I would also like to place my sincere thanks to Brighton and Hove Albion for allowing me this opportunity."

## Minimum salary cap for women footballers in AIFF boss' priority list

PTI ■ KOLKATA

Newly-elected AIFF president Kalyan Chaubey has some ambitious plans to develop women's football, beginning with reducing the disparity in salary with their male counter-

Chaubey also laid out his plans to revive some old tournaments including the Santosh Trophy to have a good supply chain for the national team.

"We want to have a minimum salary cap for women footballers so that there's not much (salary) disparity with their male counterparts and it's at a respectable level. We also want to make IWL better than before," Chaubey said at a press conference here on Thursday.

"We will also try that there's not much disparity in the honorarium that a player gets when they represent a nation. The financial plight of the We want to ensure that their

honorarium is also increased." women players was highlighted Chaubey did not elaborate by the iconic Bembem Devi last what he meant by 'honorarium' year when she termed the of the national team players. amount as "peanuts"



and women's national team season, which was even less than player gets the same amount of around \$30 as daily allowance what the fourth placed I-League per international match.

side got -- ₹25 lakh. In comparison, the I-League winners got ₹1 crore, while the I-League Division 2 champions were awarded ₹50

#### Benzema facing weeks out after injury at Celtic **AP** ■ MADRID

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m arim\ Benzema\ is\ facing}_{
m weeks\ sidelined\ with\ a}$ right thigh injury suffered in Real Madrid's winning start to the defence of their Champions League crown at Celtic.

The France striker hob-bled off after half an hour of Tuesday's game at Parkhead with Real run-ning out the impressive 3-0 winners.

After medical tests back in Madrid on Wednesday the club released a statement diagnosing "an injury to the semitendinosus tendon and a strain to the quadriceps muscle in his right thigh".

"His recovery will continue to be assessed," the statement added.

# Virat's century drought is over

Tirat Kohli got the mostawaited hundred in international cricket as he reached the elusive three-figure mark after 1020 days to set up India's massive 101-run win over Afghanistan and lighten up the dead rubber in the

Asia Cup here on Thursday. Kohli struck a high-quality 122 not out off 61 balls for his 71st international hundred to take India to 212 for two after Afghanistan put India in to bat.

Perhaps still smarting from their heartbreaking loss to Pakistan the night before, Afghanistan were blown away by a top-class spell of swing bowling from Bhuvneshwar Kumar, who ended up with career-best figures of five wickets for four runs in 24 balls, including 20 dot deliveries.

With the conditions aiding his strength, Bhuvneshwar got the ball to move both ways at will, leaving the opposition in shambles at 21 for six. Their innings ended at 111 for eight in 20 overs.

However, the night belonged to Kohli who warmed a billion hearts

with a special innings.
His unbeaten effort off 61 balls got him his first hundred since November 2019 and 71st overall, equalling Ricky Ponting's tally of international centuries. He is now

only behind Sachin Tendulkar in the all-time list. It was also Kohli's maiden ton in the shortest format.

ne pioneer

With Rohit Sharma being rested for India's final game of the tournament, stand-in skipper K L Rahul (62 off 41) and Kohli shared an entertaining 119 off 76 balls for the opening wicket.

Kohli started toying with the field and bowlers towards the end of the innings, enough indication that he was back to his best. The knock from Rahul was his most confident one ever since he came back from injury.

The openers played brilliantly against the spinners, including Rashid Khan (0-33), an area they needed to address heading into the T20 World Cup.

It was vintage Kohli on display as he stepped out to the spinners, pierced the field perfectly and even played a rare sweep shot.

That sweep shot came in the sixth over bowled by Mujeeb Ur Rehman. The next ball he came down the track to hit a straight six.

The former India captain also got lucky on his way to a memorable hundred as he was dropped in the deep off Mohammad Nabi in the eight over.

With India at 87 for no loss in 10 overs and Kohli on song, India looked set for a massive total. It was raining boundaries in the

crisp pull shot off pacer Fareed Ahmed. He took his helmet off, hugged his teammate Rishabh Pant and smiled in disbelief before kissing his necklace as part of his cel-

last five overs as Kohli reached the elusive three figure mark with a

He ended the innings in style by smashing two sixes and a four off Fazalhaq Farooqi to push India past 200. The disdain with which he hammered the bowlers and his

'King Kohli' was well and truly

Another stroke that displayed Kohli's supreme confidence was when he stepped out to loft the wily Rashid for a maximum over deep Was a bit shocked, least expected to score ton in T20 format: Kohli wife Anushka Sharma for stand-

**PTI** ■ DUBAI

Virat Kohli reached the elusive three-figure mark after almost three years, albeit in a format "he least expected to", when he struck a memorable 122 against Afghanistan in an inconsequential Asia Cup match here on Thursday.

"Last two and a half years have taught me a lot. I am going to turn 34 in a month. So those angry celebrations are a thing of the past," said Kohli at the innings break.

"Actually I was shocked. This is the last format I thought. It was an accumulation of a lot of things. The team has been open and helpful."

Kohli credited his actress

Kohli is no stranger to the opening position and after his sensational effort, the case for keeping him at the top alongside Rohit has

also been opened. It was a clinical display from India in their final game of the Super 4s but their pre-mature exit from another multi-team tournament has raised more questions

ing behind him like a rock dur-

ing his turbulent times. "I know there was a lot of stuff going outside. And I kissed my ring. You see me standing here because one person has put things in perspective for me. That's Anushka. This hundred is for her and for our little daugh-

ter Vamika as well. "When you have someone next to you having conversations putting things in perspective, like Anushka has been... When I came back I was not desperate. Six weeks off I was refreshed. I realised how tired I was.

"Competitiveness doesn't allow it, but this break allowed me enjoy the game again," he said referring to his one month break.

ahead of the T20 World Cup starting next month.

India's constant chopping and changing in the playing eleven and lack of bowling depth hurt them in the continental event.

With the series against Australia and South Africa lined up before the ICC event, the Indian think tank has a lot left to do.

## I had self-belief to hit sixes: Naseem

 $P^{\rm akistan\ tail-ender\ Naseem\ Shah\ credited}_{\rm self-belief\ and\ practice\ sessions\ in\ the\ nets}$ for his final over heroics against Afghanistan in the Asia Cup.

Naseem struck two consecutive sixes in the last over of the game to help his side beat Afghanistan and qualify for the final.

The 22-year-old who has already impressed with his fast bowling in the tournament, changed roles on Wednesday as his two stunning sixes not only sealed Pakistan's one wicket win in a tense Super 4 match but also threw arch-rivals India out of the tour-

"When I went in to bat I had the belief to hit the sixes. I practice (hitting sixes) and I knew they would bowl yorkers as they had the field up. I just tried and I executed," Naseem said after the match.

"We need to have the belief, we can hit, we keep practicing in the nets and I also

changed my bat, it worked.
"When you lose the ninth wicket, no one expects you to win, but I had belief that I can. I practice hitting a lot. This will be a memorable game for me. Everyone's forgotten I am

Pakistan needed 20 off 10 balls with two



wickets in hand when Naseem came in. The no. 10 batter had only faced one ball in T20Is before that. Panic set in when Asif Ali was dismissed on the fifth ball of the penultimate over.

Pakistan needed 11 from the final over but Naseem decided to take it upon himself and finish off the match.

'Asif was batting when I came in and my job was to give him strike but when he got out, I thought it was all on me.'

Pakistan captain Babar Azam said he was reminded of batting great Javed Miandad hitting that famous last ball six off Chetan Sharma to beat India in Sharjah in 1986. Azam wasn't even born when Miandad's heroics helped Pakistan clinch the Austral-

"I was in the dressing room (during last over). But at the back of the mind, I thought it is cricket, and I have seen Naseem bat like this, so I had a little bit of belief. 'This reminded me of Javed Miandad's six

in Sharjah," he said.

"To be honest, it was quite a tense environment in the dressing room. We couldn't build partnerships like last few games, but the way Naseem finished it, you could see the mahaul (vibe) after that.'

Pakistan play Sri Lanka in the summit clash on Sunday.

## India drawn with England, Spain & Wales in Pool D of FIH World Cup

**PTI** ■ BHUBANESWAR

India have been drawn **⊥**with England, Spain and Wales in Pool D of the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup, to be held in Bhubaneswar and Rourkela in January next year.

The draw of the 16team tournament was held here on Thursday, with four teams making up four pools. The World Cup will be held from January 13 to 29. Hosts India -- world

No. 5 -- are the highest ranked side in Pool D. They will face world No.6 England, whom they have recently met at the B i r m i n g h a m Commonwealth Games, two-time silver medallists Spain and Wales.

Spain are ranked eighth in the world while world



No.16 Wales are playing in their maiden World Cup. Pool A is headed up by

world number one Australia, who got bronze

medal at the last World Cup FIH World Rankings of June in 2018. They were drawn 1. along with 2016 Olympic champions Argentina, France and African champions South Africa.

Reigning world champions Belgium are the top seed and they were drawn in Pool B along with 2006 winners Germany, Korea and Japan. Belgium are ranked second while Germany are

Pool C will feature last edition finalists the Netherlands, ranked third in the world, along with Oceania representative New Zealand, Malaysia -- playing their ninth World Cup -and debutants Chile.

During the draw, India, Australia, Belgium and Netherlands were placed on the first row of their corresponding pools based on

Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, FIH Acting President Seif Ahmed, state sports minister Tusharkanti Behera, Committee of Administrators (CoA) members S Y Quraishi and Zafar Iqbal were also present on the occasion.

"We are always very proud to welcoming the best hockey teams and players of the world for such an outstanding event," Patnaik

FIH Acting President Seif Ahmed said: "We can't wait to see the best teams in the world in action in the new 'jewel' of hockey, the Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium in Rourkela, alongside the iconic Kalinga Hockey Stadium in

## India to face Oz, New Zealand in warm-up fixtures of T20 WC

India will face reigning champions Australia and New Zealand in their ICC T20 World Cup warm-up games on October 17 and October 19 respectively.

Gabba in Brisbane. The International Cricket Council (ICC) on Thursday announced the warm-

13, Brisbane's Gabba and Allan Border Field will be home to the Super 12 stage

The first warm-up fixture will feature two-time champions West Indies (2012 and 2016) taking on United Arab Emirates at Junction Oval on October 10, with each of the first round teams to play two warmup matches.

Pakistan and England, winners of the 2009 and 2010 editions respectively, will cross swords at the Gabba on October 18. Sri Lanka, who won the T20 World Cup in 2014, will play their two warm-up

after a 113-run victory on

combined for an unbeaten 47.

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be allowed to attend the warm-up fixtures that will take place over a period of nine

on October 16 when Sri Lanka face Namibia at Kardinia Park Stadium in

## No place for hooliganism in cricket: PCB chief | Duleep Trophy: Shaw

PTI KARACHI

Pakistan Cricket Board chairman Ramiz Raja on Thursday said there is no place for hooliganism in the gentleman's game and blamed Afghanistan fans for the off-field brawl between supporters of both the nations after a nailbitting Asia Cup match in Sharjah.

Fans of Pakistan and Afghanistan literally came to blows following the former's one-wicket win in the Super 4 match on Wednesday.

The trigger for the brawl on Wednesday was fuelled by Pakistan batter Asif Ali getter rather physical with Fareed Ahmed after the pacer's in your face celebrations following the former's dismissal.

An angry PCB chief said they

would be lodging a protest over the events to the ICC and Asian cricket bodies, including Emirates Cricket Board.

"There is no place for hooliganism in cricket. Afghanistan as a nation, team have to control their emotions if they are to progress further. It was a great match both teams fought hard but there was



no need for such scenes after the match," Ramiz said at a press conference.

It was not the first time such an incident happened. The passionate fans of both teams had come to blows even during the T20 World Cup last year and the

2019 ODI World Cup.

until a change in bowling when adjudged lbw attempting a

"The visuals we saw after the match in particular are not good advertisement for cricket at all. It has happened before also not the first time it happened and that is something all cricket nations have to look at," Ramiz said.

## smashes fifty on Day 1



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Prithvi Shaw hammered an unbeaten 61 off 66 balls and put on a century stand with Yashasvi Jaiswal as West Zone raced to 116 for no loss on a rain-hit opening day of their Duleep Trophy match against North East Zone here

on Thursday. Sent in to bat by the North East skipper Hokaito Zhimomi after a long delay, Shaw made his intentions clear right from

He was not afraid to go aerial as well, smacking four sixes apart from hitting five boundaries. Shaw reached his fifty in style, hoisting two sixes on the leg-side off Rex Rajkumar's bowling.

Jaiswal (55 batting), who was watchful, however did not miss out when opportunities presented themselves. He employed the cut shot to good effect.

The right-left batter combination of Shaw and Jaiswal did not have much trouble and it appeared as if the duo was having batting practice against an inexperienced North East attack.

Bad light halted proceedings after 25 overs and subsequently play was called off. **Brief scores:** West zone 116 for no loss on 25 overs (Prithvi Shaw 61 batting, Yashasvi Jaiswal 55 batting) Vs North

East Zone.

**NORTH ZONE MAKES** In Puducherry, East Zone reached 179 for 3 in 54 overs

against North Zone in the other quarterfinal on a rain-hit opening day. The highly rated Riyan Parag, who was sent as the opener, fell to Navdeep Saini

for 8 in the fourth over after a delayed start. Fellow opener Sudip Kumar Gharami (68, 137 balls, 10 fours) and Anustup Majumdar (47) ensured that the North bowlers did not

cause any more damage with the new ball. They batted with caution and put on 79 runs for the second wicket before Majumdar fell to medium pacer

Siddharth Jail. Vice captain Virat Singh (43 batting) settled in for a half century stand with Gharami before the latter fell to

Himanshu Rana. Skipper Manoj Tiwary, who joined his deputy in the middle, ensured that there were no further setbacks for

tain Mandeep Singh won the toss and invited East to bat

3 (Sudip Kumar Gharami 68) Vs North zone.

The Rohit Sharma-led Indian side will play both their warm-up games at the

up fixtures of the 16 teams taking part in the showpiece event. While the iconic Melbourne Cricket Ground will host the first-round teams for their practice matches from October 10-

teams from October 17-19.



October 10 and October 13 respectively at

The ICC said that spectators will not

The ICC Men's T20 World Cup begins

#### Australia win ODI series after thrashing Kiwis by 113 runs To win any series, but particudam Zampa took his first larly against the No. 1 team in Afive-wicket haul in ODI the world, they're the benchcricket as Australia clinched the mark at the moment." series against New Zealand Australia won the series

Australia's top order strug-gled and slumped to 54-5 after being sent in, but the home 5 chasing 233 for victory last weekend. Pitch conditions in Cairns team rallied to post 195-9. Steve Smith scored 61 and lastwere tricky, with the ball not coming onto the bat as quickwicket pair of Mitchell Starc (38) and Josh Hazlewood (23)

opener by two wickets despite

being in serious trouble at 44-

"It's been hard. The first 40 overs of our batting were incredibly difficult," Australia captain Aaron Finch said. "We knew we'd got to a total we could defend (but) we knew we had to be ultra-disciplined with the ball, and we did that. Great



Starc made instant inroads with the fifth ball of New Zealand's reply, when Martin Guptill chased a full, away Hazlewood kept up the pressure

swinging delivery and edged to Finch at slip. Starc and new-ball partner

Kane Williamson, who had a reprieve in the first over when he was lucky not to be run out, dug in for 17 from 58 deliveries before he was trapped lbw by Zampa in the 19th over

Zealand slumped to 14-3.

Sean Abbott opened his

account with a double-wicket

Conway (5) into a legside chip

to Zampa at fine leg with his

second delivery from around the wicket, and then had Tom

Abbott enticed Devon

maiden in the ninth over.

and New Zealand was 33-4. The visitors' trouble deepened when Daryl Mitchell (10) was out with the addition of five to the total after he was

Latham (0) out edging to Finch at slip three balls later. New ing with the ball and gave us nothing," New Zealand captain Williamson said. "The surface was a challenge, and 180 was going to be a lot of hard work. Fair play to Australia. They outplayed us

wrap it up.

reverse sweep against Zampa,

and Jimmy Neesham (2) went in

the next over to make it 45-6.

Bracewell (12) and Zampa

picked off Tim Southee, Matt

Henry and Trent Boult (9) to

Starc removed Michael

'Australia were outstand-

today." The New Zealanders had the right to be confident after Boult took 4-38 and held the catch to remove Smith to keep the Australia total under 200.

East. Earlier, North zone cap-

Brief scores: East Zone 179 for